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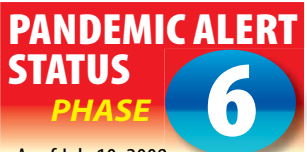
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Source: CNMI Department of Public Health, World Health Organization

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REPORTER

Only a very small portion of graduates from the islands' public high schools join the Northern Marianas College each year, as shown by the report it submitted to the accrediting commission.

Covering school years 2006 through

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## Another doctor set to leave hospital

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REPORTER

Another doctor at the Commonwealth Health Center is ready to leave after completing her contract.

This would leave the CHC with only two full-time internal medicine doctors

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## WHAT HAPPENED TO \$24M BALANCE?

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ONLY \$17.2M WAS DECLARED

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The CNMI government actually received \$41.6 million in cover over tax payment in Fiscal Year 2008, but the Fitial administration declared only \$17.2 million, according to two House leaders.

"The question is, what happened to the rest of the money? This might potentially be an abuse of appropriation of public funds," House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios told *Saipan Tribune*.

"I'm not saying there is foul play and whether something illegal was conducted. But the Legislature has been kept in the dark," added House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Ray Yumul.

Press secretary Charles Reyes Jr. ex-

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## Guerrero-Borja team first to file candidacy

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The independent tandem of Ramon "Kumoi" Guerrero and David Borja

was the first to appear at the Commonwealth Election Commission yesterday morning to file their candidacy for the islands' top posts.

Guerrero and Borja, along with their

supporters, trooped to the election office just minutes after it opened at 8am yesterday.

Four teams have already announced

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## High school PE will now include golf



CNMI Board of Education members and Public School System officials pose with Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos, fourth from left, and executives of the Laolao Bay Golf Resort after accepting 40 golf clubs the company donated to the system in preparation for its first-ever Commissioner of Education Junior Golf Classic Tournament next school year. PSS has added the junior golf program as a new curriculum under its physical and fitness program. **See story on Page 5**

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## Local

# Court asked to deny Pelisamen's motion for new trial

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Federal government lawyers have asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI this week to deny the motion for a new trial earlier filed by former Kaipat estate administrator Luis Kaipat Pelisamen.

A hearing had been set for Sept. 2 at 8:30am before NMI District Court Judge Alex R. Munson.

U.S. Attorneys Leonardo M. Rapadas and Kirk W. Schuler filed a six-page response to Pelisamen's argument that a new trial is necessary because federal witness Timothy Bellas allegedly lied when testi-

fying how he transferred \$1.3 million from the Rita Kaipat estate to Joseph Arriola and because the U.S. government committed a Brady violation by failing to provide him with bank records relevant to Bellas' testimony.

"It is irresponsible, inflammatory, and unprofessional to allege [that] Mr. Bellas committed perjury under such circumstances, particularly when all evidence reveals that the initial transfer in September was made between Mr. Bellas and Mr. Arriola, that it was made known to the court, and that every penny was accounted for," said the federal lawyers.

Ex-judge Bellas is Pelisamen's

former legal counsel.

In filing the motion for a new trial, Pelisamen's counsel, Douglas F. Cushnie, said Bellas lied in his testimony during Pelisamen's two jury trials.

The U.S. government charged Pelisamen and Arriola with wire fraud and money laundering. In May, a hung jury prompted the court to declare a mistrial in the case against Pelisamen.

Both were found guilty during a new trial last month.

Arriola was recently arrested by Philippine authorities and is waiting for his eventual deportation to the U.S.

The federal counsels said there is no reasonable probability that the alleged perjury af-

fected the outcome of the case or the outcome was affected by Pelisamen's failure to receive the bank records prior to trial.

They said there was no Brady violation because the bank records are not favorable or material and were not suppressed by the government.

"The jury did not buy defendant's argument and neither should this court," the federal counsels said.

Court records state that Bellas had testified that he transferred a check worth \$1.3 million, representing the funds in the Rita Kaipat estate, from his trust account to Arriola in a bank's parking lot.

After Bellas' testimony,

Pelisamen presented the testimony of Marcie Tomokane and bank records that indicated Bellas deposited the check in a Bank of Guam Time Certificate Deposit account that Bellas opened for the estate on Sept. 21, 2005.

The federal counsels said this evidence indicated that Bellas deposited the check with the Bank of Guam instead of handing the check to Arriola, which was based on Bellas testimony.

They said this has also indicated that by Sept. 30, 2005, Bellas relinquished control of the of the TCD account to Arriola.

"The government had never seen or requested these records

before," they noted.

The jury's verdict, they said, highlights the inconsequential nature of the alleged perjury. They said this evidence merely supported their argument that Bellas transferred the money to Arriola when the former withdrew from the case.

The second transfer, they said, is the most important matter.

This was the wire transfer of the \$1.3 million from the Bank of Guam TCD into the Bank of Hawaii checking account in November 2005, along with the \$625,775 in checks written against the estate that were signed by Pelisamen and made payable to him, his wife and Arriola.

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# ARRA funds eyed for animal control program

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Outgoing Saipan Mayor Juan B. Tudela has one final chance to see his long-delayed dog control program move forward before he leaves office and it's through the stimulus money that is coming to the Commonwealth.

Tudela on Wednesday asked the Fitial administration for \$160,000 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act so he could implement the municipality's stray dog control program, mandated many years ago by Saipan Local Law 9-12 and enacted in October 1995.

The Executive Branch is expected to get about \$8 million as its share of the stimulus money coming to the CNMI.

"It is clear beyond a doubt

that the municipality of Saipan desperately needs an animal shelter," Tudela said in his letter to Office of Management and Budget special assistant Esther Fleming.

Tudela said that since the passage of the law more than 14 years ago, the island's uncontrolled stray dog population has remained a "very serious" health threat to the people of Saipan. He believes there are thousands of uncontrolled animals now roaming the island, posing an ever-present danger to the public.

He said the problem could affect the tourism industry since tourists may fall victims to these animals. He also emphasized the increasing number of dead animals on roads.

The mayor said the proposed funding from the stimulus

money will be used to construct an animal shelter in Kagman. Based on the construction plan of both the Department of Public Works and the Mayor's Office, work will include building slabs, walkways and pavement areas, in addition to excavating and backfilling of trenches within the building lines for the installation of electrical and mechanical fixtures.

"According to the already-approved construction plans, the facility will consist of 10 back-to-back fenced-in concrete block cells, two quarantine cells, examination room, storage room, medication room,

an office, and a reception area," Tudela told the OMB, adding that the parking lot will have five spaces and two handicapped slots.

The construction process will employ temporary workers, which means it will generate new jobs for some individuals.

It will also generate additional funding for the municipality because dog owners would pay for the dog tags to be issued by the office.

"With the implementation of the stray dog control program and issuance of the dog tags, which will require a fee from all dog owners, a new incentive will

be created for local residents to limit the number of such pets within each household. ...This is because the new regulations mandate that all dogs found outside a local residence without a dog tag will be picked up and detained for 72 hours. If still unclaimed at the end of the period, such animals will be disposed of in a humane manner by a local veterinarian," Tudela explained.

The Saipan Mayor's Office earlier identified a property in As Perdido for the original location of the shelter but due to some funding issues, the plan was transferred to Kagman.

Once finished, five local personnel will be hired to run the program on a daily basis.

"It is anticipated that much

full-time employment will be created by implementation of this urgently needed facility, both during the construction phase and after the new facility opens," the mayor said.

To help prevent overpopulation in the future, Tudela said he will work with local pet owners and organizations such as PAWS to begin a program to neuter domestic pets.

In this manner, he said, overpopulation of the animals can be properly controlled and reduced in the future.

Tudela said such program will also result in a much healthier, much safer, and cleaner environment for all of Saipan and will help the island become a better place to live in.



Tudela

## Senate OKs initiative to stop budget deficits

The Senate has passed Sen. Maria Frica Pangelinan's legislative initiative that seeks to require the CNMI government to operate each year without incurring budget deficits.

During Thursday afternoon's session, all six senators present —Pangelinan, Pete Reyes, Jude Hoschneider, Paul Manglona, Luis Crisostimo, and Joseph Mendiola—voted to approve the initiative on first and final reading.

All senators briefly discussed the initiative and agreed that "it's a good piece of legislation."

Crisostimo said he hopes the House will agree and pass the initiative.

An initiative must be approved by three-fourths of the Legislature, then it will be transmitted to the Election Commission, which will place the initiative on the ballot during the next general election for ratification by voters.

Senate Legislative 16-13 proposes to amend Section 6 of Article 10 of the CNMI Constitution to require the government to operate yearly with a fiscally responsible budget or continuing resolution and without budget deficits or debt deriving from bud-

get deficits.

Pangelinan said the government has failed to live within its means and has incurred a massive deficit.

"This deficit reflects poor financial management and amounts to a mortgaging of the Commonwealth's future. If the present generation which has incurred this deficit does not act to retire the deficit, future generations will be saddled with a debt they did not incur," the senator said.

The proposed constitutional amendment requires the Finance Secretary to withhold and not spend a proportional amount in every budget authorization for that quarter so that spending in any fiscal quarter does not exceed revenues that are available in that quarter.

To reduce the debt and deficit obligations in an orderly manner, the proposed amendment, among others, requires the Finance Secretary to withhold a proportional amount from expenditure in every budget authorization in each fiscal quarter "so that this currently due principal and interest is paid on time and in full, and the Secretary shall ensure that his principal and interest is, in fact, paid." (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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# Yumul now agrees with Senate on budget cap

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House's Ways and Means Committee chair Ray Yumul said yesterday that he supports the Senate's action to revise the House's concurrent resolution to reflect available resources for Fiscal Year 2010 at \$150.5 million.

Yumul told *Saipan Tribune* that he and Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Maria Frica Pangelinan sat down and discussed why the Senate rejected the House's resolution.

Yumul said Pangelinan mentioned the amendment that would identify \$1.6 million as earmarked funding that

would go to the general fund.

"After further discussions with her and the acting Secretary of Finance, we agreed that this issue will be dealt with on the budget side of the appropriation. The House's concurrent resolution is the vehicle that will set the expenditure limit that's available for appropriation," he said.

The lawmaker said they will then sit down and start working on the Fiscal Year 2010 budget legislation and hopefully identify funds that will be used to pay the Retirement Fund as employer contribution.

Yumul said the Senate removed a new provision in the concurrent reso-

lution for an additional \$1.69 million obligations and he has no problem with that.

"We don't want to stall the budget process so we went ahead. I'm going to lobby the members of the House to just go ahead and accept the Senate's amendment," he said.

Last July 1, the Senate rejected the House's concurrent resolution, mainly due to the new provision for an additional \$1.69 million obligation.

The House inserted the new provision last week. The provision represents the 30 percent hotel occupancy tax and 20 percent alcoholic beverage container tax the govern-

ment is being required to pay the Retirement Fund.

On Thursday, the Senate eliminated an item in the concurrent resolution to

reflect the total budgetary resources for Fiscal Year 2010 at \$150.5 million—as identified by the Fital administration—and not \$148.81 million.

## Traffic signal light system fails

The traffic signal light system at the intersection of Beach Road and As Perdido Road in Chalan Piao is temporarily out of service, according to a notice issued yesterday by the Department of Public Works.

The department is now in the process of restoring the system, which was accidentally damaged.

The department is advising all motorists to use precautionary measures and to exercise safe driving conduct when traveling in the area. **(PR)**

## ERRATUM

In the story "Labor employee wins dirt buggy in Bud promo" that was published on July 10, 2009, the article incorrectly identified one of the promo's sponsors as Marianas Shipping Company. It should have been Saipan Shipping. Our apologies.

# EMO warns of tropical disturbance today

A tropical disturbance is expected to hit the CNMI's southern area today, the Emergency Management Office said yesterday.

Based on information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, the EMO is warning the public to be prepared for this approaching tropical disturbance.

The NWS said a weak trade wind disturbance was spotted yesterday west of Chuuk and about 520 miles south-

east of Guam.

It was moving west-northwest at 10 to 15 miles per hour.

Based on satellite feed, NWS said disorganized scattered rain showers and a few thunderstorms are associated with the disturbance.

It is expected to pass south of Guam today.

EMO warned residents of the southern Marianas, including Rota, to expect an increase in rain showers and stron-

ger winds as the tropical disturbance passes by.

EMO said that winds are expected to blow 10 to 20 miles per hour with gusty winds of up to 30mph in showers.

EMO said there are no watches or warnings issued for the Marianas.

NWS and EMO said they will continue to monitor the situation and issue updates as needed. **(Nazario Rodriguez Jr.)**

# Live fire exercises on Farallon de Mendenilla

The U.S. Naval Forces Marianas Guam will be conducting live fire exercises on the island of Farallon de Mendenilla on Tuesday next week, the Emergency Management Office announced yesterday.

The EMO is warning the public of the dangers imposed by this activity.

The live fire release (96 EBS) on the island's training area (R7202) will be held from 7am to 9pm on July 14, and will cover 10 nautical miles radius.

EMO is strongly advising the public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators—to stay away

from the area during the exercises.

For more information, contact the EMO Operations Section at 322-9528 and 322-9529, VHF MARINE CHNL 16, and for advisory tune in to HF Single Side Band Radio on 5.205.0 or CNMI 211. **(EMO)**

## NMC

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2008, the college reported just 18 percent, 24 percent, and 17 percent of public high schools enrollees during the three-year period.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that, of the 671 public high school graduates in June 2006, only 120 enrolled at NMC—a mere 18 percent of the entire group.

The fall semester of 2006 attracted only 92 public school graduates, while 28 enrolled in spring, for a total of 120 new students: Kagman High School, 48; Marianas High School, 21; Saipan Southern High, 28; Tinian High, 16; and Rota High, 7.

NMC's school year 2007 records show the biggest enrollees from public schools in the last three years—181 students—or 24 percent of the total 757 graduates in the same period.

Of that number, 76 were from KHS, 45 from MHS, 43 from SSHS, five from Tinian High, and 12 from Rota High School.

Last school year, NMC's enrollment figure from the five public high schools showed an 8-percent drop, with only 92 enrolled—a mere 17 percent of the total number of graduates in the CNMI.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that these 2008 enrollees were composed of 18 graduates from KHS, 34 from MHS, 36 from SSHS, and two each from Tinian and Rota.

It was within this three-year period that NMC was placed on probation and show-cause status. It successfully reaffirmed its accreditation early this month.

During last week's meeting of the Board of Education, Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan reported that all five public high schools conducted exit surveys among their graduates, with "positive and good results."

Sablan said a big bulk of new graduates want to continue their college here and off-island while some want to join the military after graduation.

"We closed the SY 2008 on a good note and we graduated over 500 seniors who, based on the exit surveys, will pursue postsecondary education here and off-island," Sablan said.

NMC Board of Regents chair Charles V. Cepeda refused to comment yesterday on the board's expectations for the coming enrollment, saying the board has to consider other factors before setting its expectations and goals for the next years.

NMC, in the same supplemental report to the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, stated that its Adult Basic Education program had a record-breaking 27-percent increase in attendance at a recent orientation.

This increase, the college said, most likely resulted from ABE requiring attendance at student orientations.

Also a factor was the termination of the CNMI Public School System's Advance Development Institute, which catered to the same group of students, and the impending changes in control of immigration in the CNMI as well as the possible changes in nonresident alien access to the ABE English as Second Language program.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that NMC had 106 participants in the Fall 2008 ABE orientation and 146 during the spring 2009 orientation.

## TEAM

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their intention to run in the general elections in November.

Incumbents Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos of the Covenant Party are expected to file their petition to become candidates anytime before the deadline on Aug. 10.

The same is expected of Republican Party standard bearers Heinz Hofschneider and Arnold Palacios and the independent team of Juan T. Guerrero and Joseph Camacho.

The Election Commission also accommodated yesterday Herman T. Guerrero, who will run for a third term with the Board of Education, representing Saipan.

Two other candidates from Rota took advantage of the first day of filing election candidacies: Prudencio A. Manglona, who will run for municipal council for Rota, and Calista T. Pendergrass, who seek a Senate seat for Rota.

According to the election office, all four candidates submitted required

documents that would be reviewed by the commission.

After the Aug. 10 deadline, the Election Commission is expected to announce the certified candidates for all positions. Under the law, the agency has a month to do the task.

As of yesterday, only one popular initiative relating to the Open Government Act has been submitted for review.

It was explained to *Saipan Tribune* that the Attorney General's Office is the responsible agency that will certify the initiatives to be included in the November ballots.

As of June, the Election Commission has registered nearly 14,000 voters for the general election in November.

More than three months to the registration deadline on Sept. 18, the commission still expects a large increase of people to register to vote. The CEC is targeting 15,000 voters for the gubernatorial race.

Last June 27, over 6,000 voters participated in the GOP primary contest between the tandems of Hofschneider and Palacios and Juan Babauta and Galvin Deleon Guerrero.

## COVER

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plained yesterday that, according to law, the amount must be returned to the rebate trust account.

"By law, these funds are not subject to appropriation. We received money that went into the rebate trust, according to 4 CMC section 17-14, the special rebate trust account," Reyes said.

Yumul showed an audit report conducted by Deloitte and Touche

for the year ending Sept. 30, 2008, which showed that the CNMI government received \$41,611,260 in cover over funds.

Palacios said the issue needs some explanation as the Fital administration has been saying all along that the \$17.2 million that the Department of Finance received from the U.S. Treasury as final settlement on a longstanding cover-over issue saved the government from a deficit in FY 2008.

"Throughout that process, the chairman of Ways and Means...has been

asking, 'Are you sure this is the total and you have to officially declare it,'" Palacios said.

"If the audit is saying or the record shows the cover over is \$41 million for 2008 and only \$17 million was declared, that's a lot of [difference]," the speaker said.

Palacios said House members have to discuss the issue with their legal counsel.

"In the midst of all this, during this fiscal year, the administration was trying to force the Legislature to choke or

strangle the employees by declaring a 72-hour austerity.

With potentially \$24 million somewhere, what the hell are we talking about here?" Palacios said.

Yumul said he double-checked the Deloitte report for FY 2007 and it showed no cover over funds received for that period.

Yumul said Gov. Beningo Fital had informed the Legislature in December 2008 about receiving \$17.2 million as a one-time payment of cover over taxes. However, the governor

never updated the Legislature about any final payment of \$41 million, he said, nor did then Finance Secretary Eloy Inos notify the Legislature about the actual payment received from the U.S. Treasury.

"How do you explain this claim of \$17.2 million in the cover over but then the actual audit shows that \$41 million came in. That's a big difference. Why did they choose to keep the information to themselves and it's only revealed through the audit?" Yumul said.



## PSS will include junior golf in its PE curriculum

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All junior and high school students of the Public School System will be learning a new sport under the Physical Education curriculum in school year 2009-2010, according to Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan yesterday.

This time, she said, middle and high school students will be introduced to a golf program, which will give them one credit unit if they take the program throughout the year and a .5 credit unit for every semester.

Sablan said PSS has a number of existing sports programs and

activities as part of the physical and fitness curriculum such as basketball, baseball, volleyball, and track and field but this is the first time that students will be taught golf.

In the program's maiden year, PSS will conduct the first Commissioner of Education Golf Classic Tournament for 2010.

The event will target all junior and secondary students and community members will be invited as guest players.

Just recently, the Laolao Bay Golf Resort donated 40 golf clubs to PSS in preparation for the junior tournament. Board of Education and PSS officials, along with Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos, graced the

turnover of golf clubs to PSS.

Saipan Tribune learned that the company also allowed the use of its facility for the PSS tournament.

"This is the company's way of giving back to our community... because they have seen the great interest of many of our students in the sport. We're very thankful to Laolao," Sablan said.

Sablan said PSS was motivated to launch the program when many of its teachers noted the success of golf events participated in by students.

Middle and high school teachers will coordinate and plan the upcoming golf classic tournament.

## Guerrero opposes DPS motion to dismiss his petition

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Sgt. James C. Deleon Guerrero has opposed the Department of Public Safety's motion to dismiss his complaint about bias in the promotions process at DPS.

DPS counsel, assistant attorney general Meagan Hassel-Shearer, filed a motion to dismiss Guerrero's complaint on June 24, 2009.

Guerrero filed Wednesday a 14-page motion to oppose this through his lawyer, Robert T. Torres.

This, he said, is intended to restore the integrity of the process at DPS, where he is

the officer-in-charge of the Communications and Technology Section.

He said his case will ensure a fair "selection and salary during times of austerity without regard to subjective factors or without disregarding the rules for the benefit of a few, to the detriment of the many."

Guerrero petitioned the DPS about pay increases but his lawyer said this was misconstrued by the DPS as a sole claim.

"A plain reading of the petition reveals that it involves, among other things, the failure to follow the procedures for competitive selection and hiring of the three positions of ser-

geant, and the arbitrary determination of compensation and salary which are both required under the law," Torres said.

He said the petition clearly stated the claims and requests for a court order directing multiple relief joined by 25 other complaining officers.

He said the petition for judicial review is a hotly contested dispute that warrants the court's review, direction and guidance.

Torres said the defendant's motion to provide a more definite statement should be denied without prejudice pending discovery and evidentiary hearing to fully develop the administrative record for review.

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You may have important legal rights under this settlement, some of which you must act on by September 15, 2009.

#### Who is included?

The class includes consumers and insurance companies that purchased, paid for, or reimbursed purchases of fenofibrate products intended for consumption by yourself or your family, or, in the case of third-party payors, by members, employees, plan participants and beneficiaries or insureds, between April 9, 2002 and May 8, 2009. These products include TriCor, Lofibra, Antara, Triglide, and any available generic versions of these drugs.

#### What does the settlement provide?

The settlement provides \$65.7 million to pay to class members. It will be distributed according to the

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### EDITORIAL

## A warning sign in Mexico

It's the economy, "estupido." And the drug violence, lack of security and failure to end impunity for well-connected lawbreakers. It's a legacy of corruption. For all those reasons, Mexico's ruling National Action Party took a hammering in this week's midterm elections from frustrated voters, many of whom turned back to the Institutional Revolutionary Party, which ruled for almost 70 years before being discredited and ousted nearly a decade ago.

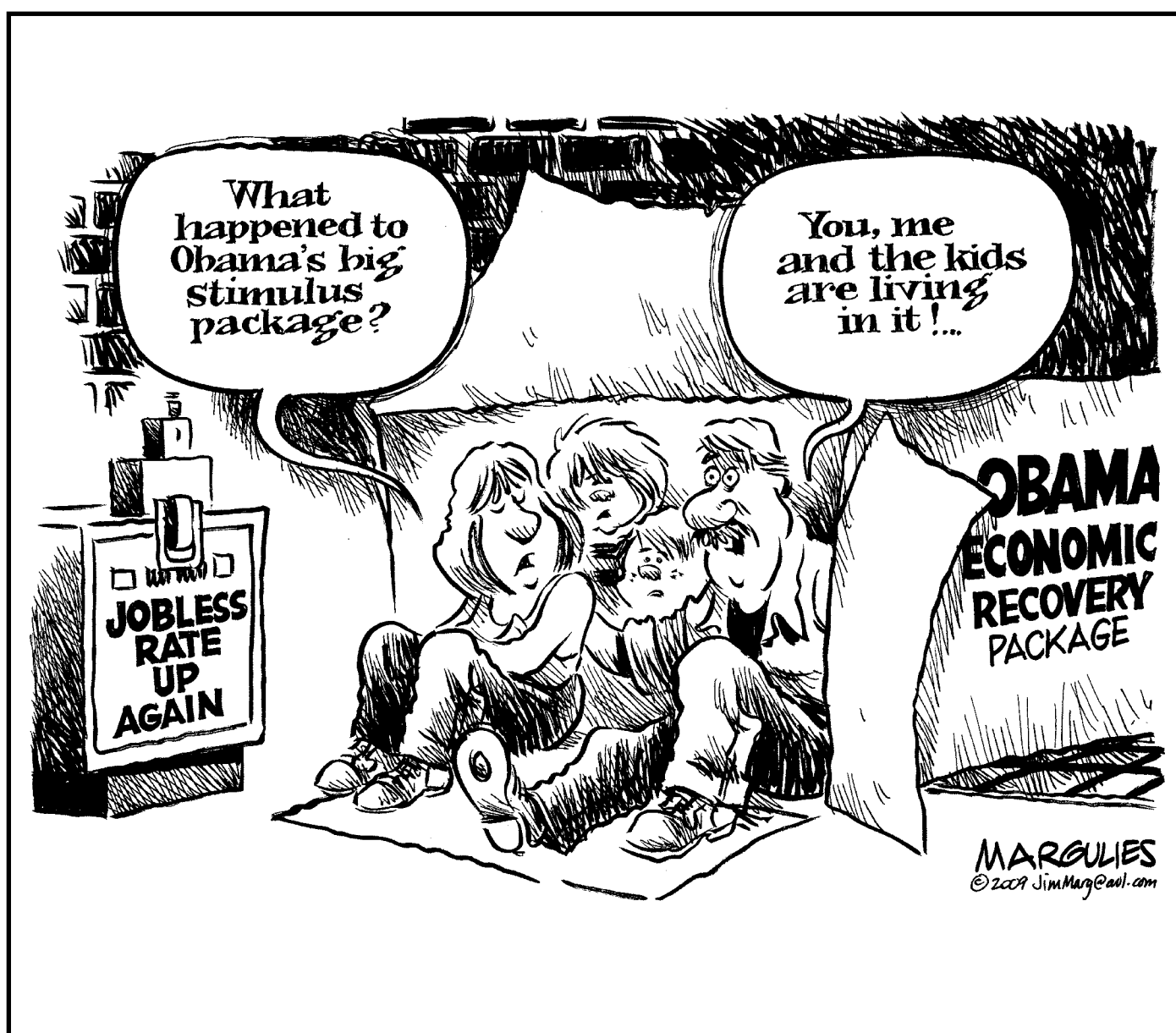
As voters went to the polls, the numbers painted a grim picture for President Felipe Calderon and his PAN party: Mexico's economy is expected to shrink 8 percent this year, thanks to lack of demand for its exports, a sputtering oil industry and a swine flu outbreak that decimated the tourism business. Remittances from workers in the U.S. are down by about 20 percent, and new jobs have dried up in "el norte." On the upswing, meanwhile, are drug-related killings—about 11,000 since Calderon took office in December 2006.

Voters blamed the incumbents for all this and handed the PRI (the Spanish acronym for the opposition party) five of the six contested governorships and a majority in the lower house of the Congress, positioning the party as the front-runner for the 2012 presidential election. While the impulse to "throw the bums out" is natural, the risk is that public disappointment with the PAN will turn into disillusionment with democracy itself. Turnout in Mexico has been declining, with more than half of registered voters abstaining from the most recent election and an additional 5 percent responding to a campaign to deface their ballots in protest against bad government.

It's troubling that voters are returning to the PRI, which through patronage and coercion turned Mexico into a single-party state during most of the 20th century. The PRI controlled not only government but unions, business groups and the media, and was riddled with corruption. Today, the PRI presents itself as a party reformed by its time in the opposition, but that remains to be seen. Although it no longer controls the presidency, the PRI still holds most state legislatures, governorships and municipalities.

We hope voters are simply punishing the PAN for its shortcomings rather than longing for a return to a one-party patronage state. The leftist party that almost won the presidency last year, the Democratic Revolutionary Party, has become hopelessly divided and an ineffectual opposition force. If Calderon hopes to salvage the PAN, he needs to improve the economy and public safety as well as reform the judiciary. Mexican faith in government and the legitimacy of the political system may well depend on it.

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## The infamous kind of fame in full view

The culture of celebrity giveth and the culture of celebrity taketh away. If you don't believe it, just look at Sarah Palin and Michael Jackson.

The collective preoccupation with celebrity may have originated in Jackson's entertainment milieu, but its dynamic of relentless scrutiny and remorseless—frequently cruel and satiric—comment now dominates much of our political journalism as well. If one takes the Alaska governor and her lawyers at their word that no devastating scandal looms, then she seems to have imploded under the weight of the political celebrity in which she initially reveled.

Who can blame her? Unless you've been schooled from adolescence—as Jackson had been—in the show-business ethic that any publicity is better than none and that taking oneself seriously is original sin, it can't be pleasant to hear yourself referred to as "Caribou Barbie" and to have your family made the butt of jokes. That, however, is the price of fame these days. Palin appears to have buckled under it, and her rambling holiday weekend news conference was one of those oddly disassociated discourses in which distressed Republican officeholders now seem to specialize.

Whatever she intended, it was difficult not to feel that one was watching Palin deliver her own political obituary. The culture of celebrity can be unforgiving of those who swim against its virtual tides.

Jackson, on the other hand, had all his unsavory controversies and off-putting personality traits washed away—not, as tradition would have it, in the "blood of the Lamb" but in the cloying sentimentality of the 24-hour news cycle, which has become one of the celebrity culture's great enablers.

A decade ago, University of Southern California cultural historian Leo Braudy realized that the culture of celebrity had entered a new phase—"certainly different in the quantity and the available media and the kind of penetration of imagery that washes over us every day and the inescapability of it," he said then. "It's possible now to keep watching the same story again and again 24 hours a day, and it gets that kind of drumbeat in the blood that there are certainly precedents for in the past but never so extensively."

Braudy's remarks in that PBS interview were prophetic, even though they could not fully anticipate the influence online journalism—with its preoccupation with "hits" and "traffic"—would come to exert over much of what remains of the serious news media.

During the nonstop coverage surrounding the entertainer's memorial service in Los Angeles on Tuesday, it was striking to hear his most serious personal scandals—one set of allegations involving child mo-

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lestation that was settled privately for more than \$20 million and another that ended in acquittal after a criminal trial—dismissed as the sort of "messy" personal life characteristic of "great artists."

Look, whatever the attractions of this guy's music or the generosity of his philanthropy—which might have amounted to as much as half a billion dollars—no responsible parent would have left a child alone with him.

In some part, Jackson's international celebrity coincided with the atomization of popular culture through the advent of personal media. His storied videos—so key to his popularity—came along just as music televised via cable and satellite began to supplant concerts and radio with their mass audience. Jackson's music would provide the personal soundtracks for a world dominated by the personal choice represented by the Walkman and iPod. His career, in some sense, made him the bard of disconnection—of personal self-absorption.

Absolution comes easily in such a culture.

Watching the memorial service, it was impossible not to be struck by the faux-Pharaonic implications of the singer's gilded coffin. How long will it be, though, before the inevitable conspiratorial speculation begins, the sentiment that constitutes the real afterlife in our now ubiquitous culture of celebrity?

It's probably only a matter of time until entire Web sites and message groups—not to mention the Twitter network—are devoted to theorizing about whether "Michael" was really in that coffin. The muttering will begin before the will clears probate. You know what comes next: joint Jackson-Elvis sightings.

If Palin is lucky, maybe one will be in Wasilla. Knee deep in fish guts, moose entrails and unforeseen grandchildren though she may be by then, it could be her ticket back.

"Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin on what Michael and Elvis told her on their walk in the woods—next, on Larry King Live." Stay tuned.



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## Yearning to be free...from that poem

The Statue of Liberty's crown is open again for the first time since the Sept. 11 attacks. That's symbolic. It was reopened on the Fourth of July, very symbolic. The decision was announced in May on the "Today" show—*hugely* symbolic—by Interior Secretary Ken Salazar. "The economic times we're going through really call for hope and optimism," he said, and "nothing symbolizes" those things like the Statue of Liberty.

Icons are handy that way. They're instantly recognizable. But the meaning of this one has gotten muddled over the years. So, to mark this occasion, I'd like to suggest a little surgery that will make the symbol more appropriate today: Let's get rid of The Poem.

I'm talking about "Give me your tired, your poor..."—*that* poem, "The New Colossus" by Emma Lazarus, which sometimes seems to define us as a nation even more than Lady Liberty herself.

Inscribed on a small brass plaque mounted inside the statue's stone base, the poem is an appendix, added belatedly, and it can safely be removed, shrouded or at least marked with a big asterisk. We live in a different era of immigration, and the schmaltzy sonnet offers a dangerously distorted picture of the relationship between newcomers and their new land.

The most enduring meaning conveyed by Lady Liberty has nothing to do with immigration, and I say let's go back to that. The statue's original name is "Liberty Enlightening the World," and the tablet the lady holds in her left hand reads "July IV, MDCCLXXVI" to commemorate the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Lady Liberty celebrates U.S. political values as a force for the

betterment of humanity, as well as the bond of friendship among freedom-loving nations. That's a powerful and worthy message.

And the message would have been the same if the statue had ended up in Philadelphia or Cleveland—both were possibilities when New York was having trouble raising money for the pedestal in the late 1870s. Far from Ellis Island, no one would associate it with immigration. Too bad, because on this subject Lady Liberty misleads more than she illuminates, especially with Lazarus's added spin.

In Lazarus's vision, the statue would be called "Mother of Exiles," and it would stand by "the golden door" welcoming "huddled masses yearning to breathe free." That is a distinctly political perspective on immigration: the United States as a refuge for the oppressed. The truth is that our political values do not explain who comes here or why.

Economic imperatives, much more than political aspirations, have always driven immigration to the United States. Planters, merchants, servants and slaves vastly outnumbered Pilgrims and Puritans.

Since the mid-1980s, refugees and asylum-seekers have ac-

counted for less than a fifth of the immigrants admitted for permanent residence. The United States draws immigrants for lots of good reasons, but our political values are only part of the appeal. When our economy grows, it creates more jobs than our aging native population can fill. We've broadcast sugarplum visions of our lifestyles and popular culture to satellite dishes everywhere. Our education and health-care systems, for all their faults, still do well in comparison shopping. And immigration builds on itself, because we encourage families to reunify as a matter of social principle and law.

Lazarus is also wrong in portraying immigrants as "tired... poor...wretched refuse...the homeless, tempest-tost." Does that describe your ancestors, whoever they were, wherever they came from? (OK, I am biased because I come from restless people, movers to Latin America from Spain in the 17th and 19th centuries and from Germany in the 20th, and parents who left Ecuador and Puerto Rico for the United States in the 1930s.) Our family legends—and historical fact—teach us that immigrants have been the ambitious and the adventurous, the ones battling storms to get to a better place, and they have rarely been the poorest of the poor, if only because it takes money to travel. Some have made it here with the help of employers or refugee aid programs, but even they had to show more pluck than you'd expect from "huddled masses," a term that describes those who get left behind better than those who get up and leave.

Perhaps the poet can be forgiven. Her experiences informed her verse, and she wrote it to advance a very specific cause. But we do her no injustice by deciding that the words do not serve as an ode to immigration today.

Born into a wealthy family that traced its roots to New York City's earliest Jewish residents, Lazarus was a social activist as well as an accomplished writer. She lent a hand at the station on Wards Island where destitute immigrants were detained, and she helped set up a training school in the tenements. When Lazarus wrote the poem in 1883, she was a prominent advocate for Jews fleeing the pogroms of imperial Russia.

It took a long time for Lady Liberty and the huddled masses to become completely intertwined. Most of the early mythologizing of the statue played on its patriotic appeal. The poem, written for a charity auction that raised money for the statue's pedestal, was never commercially published and got no mention at the statue's grand opening in 1886. Lazarus died a year later at age 38. In 1903, her friend from New York high society, Georgina Schuyler, had the plaque made to honor Lazarus. There was no

### *The New Colossus*

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*Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,  
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;  
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand  
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame  
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name  
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand  
Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command  
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.  
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she  
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"*

—Emma Lazarus, 1883

### By ROBERTO SURO

Special to The Washington Post

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ceremony when it was placed on a stairway landing inside the pedestal. For decades it went largely unnoticed, a memorial to a writer and reformer who died young rather than a defining inscription for the statue.

Immigrants arriving in New York Harbor celebrated the statue, but as John Higham, the great historian of American immigration, tells it, the poem and the image of the Statue of Liberty as a symbol of welcome gained broad currency only after the immigrant ships stopped coming. The "golden door" was slammed shut by highly restrictive national quotas enacted in 1924. Then, during the Great Depression and World War II, it became popular to herald immigrants' contributions in the interests of national unity, and the statue became part of the lore. The poem was rediscovered and popularized as part of unsuccessful campaigns to open the United States as a refuge for Jews fleeing Nazi Germany, a new version of Lazarus's cause. In 1945, with that point moot, Schuyler's plaque was moved to a prominent spot near the pedestal's entrance.

The immigration door remained shut after the war, and the share of the population that had been born abroad dropped to historically low levels as the Europeans who had come through New York Harbor died. By 1970, the foreign-born made up less than 5 percent of the population, a third of what their share had been around the turn of the century.

With few newcomers arriving, the mythmaking went into full swing. Eleanor Roosevelt quoted Lazarus in an advertisement she recorded for John F. Kennedy's presidential campaign, and in 1965 President Lyndon B. Johnson used the Statue of Liberty as a backdrop when he signed legislation that increased immigration from countries most disadvantaged under the old quota system.

The apex of Lazarus's vision came with the statue's centennial in 1986. A massively commercialized four-year fundraising campaign collected more than \$270 million to restore both the statue and Ellis Island, linking the two more than ever before. At the grand event on "Liberty Weekend," President Ronald Reagan spoke of his belief that "divine providence" had made the United States a home for "a special kind of people from every corner of the world, who had a special love for freedom." Unabashed, he said, "Call it mysticism if you will."

The foreign-born population has doubled in size since that July 4 and now accounts for nearly 13 percent of the total. Though many of the dynamics are the same, particularly the allure of U.S. jobs, this new inflow is different in its origins. Immigrants come mainly from Latin America and Asia rather than from Europe. With undocumented migrants making up about 30 percent of the foreign-born population, exasperation, even anger, over a broken immigration system is widespread and bipartisan. Despite extensive debates in 2006 and 2007, Washington seems no closer to new legislation. And those are just the short-term quandaries.

In another decade, about one-quarter of the population under the age of 18 will be the U.S.-born children of immigrants, legal or otherwise, and what happens to them in our classrooms, workplaces and neighborhoods, much more than what happens to their parents, will determine whether this whole enterprise succeeds.

So what can we learn from Emma Lazarus, or from Ronald Reagan, for that matter? Look back with caution is my advice. Bad poetry makes for bad policy. Whether you believe that current immigration flows are too big, too small or just right, a mystical attachment to the "Mother of Exiles" can lead to treacherous misconceptions. It can delude us into thinking that we shouldn't have to do much to help folks succeed once they get here.

While Lady Liberty has stood immobile in New York Harbor, immigration has risen and fallen and risen again. Lazarus—and Reagan, even more so—dreamed that the unchanging values she symbolizes give us an innate talent for being a nation of immigrants. Wrong then and wrong now. Like Americans of every era, we'll be held to account for how we manage the door and for what happens to immigrants and their offspring when they live among us.

We need to honor those values, but that is just the start. It was easy to idealize immigration when the doors were shut, but we know better now. We know that it's hard work for all involved, them and us.

## Letters to the Editor

### Counting even the smallest of blessings

I do not if you would agree but for me there is no such thing as a perfect law in any parts of this world.

We have opposed so much the regulations of Public Law 15-108 that it drove us to protest. But today, with the existence of this law, I have witnessed some flexibility in its implementation, which in my opinion has benefited some guest workers in a way.

I personally know of some fellow guest workers who, after the expiration of their contracts, were granted employment transfer and some were given a chance by the Department of Labor to look for another job for 30 days or actually a total of 90 days as long as the guest worker could prove to the department that he/she would not be a burden to the CNMI while looking for employment, that such a guest worker is a professional or a highly skilled one and has no criminal record.

Some say the employment transfer request should be free. But where else in this world could you find free things and services? The people working there are being paid; the papers and ink are being bought.

I am not saying that we should salute them, but at least we should know how to count and be thankful for even the smallest blessings and request granted we have received. The Labor

Department now is much better than it used to be. There are letters criticizing Labor in the paper but for many people things are improved there. Papers are processed faster, the employees are polite, and they try to work out problems. So thank you for the good changes.

**Conrad Ocampo**  
*Susupe, Saipan*

### Where are the job ads?

Why is CUC requesting to retain foreign workers when I can't find an advertisement for local employees? I am a retired U.S. Navy SEABEE that can help this situation. However this does not seem to be an option to them.






**Charles A. George**  
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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slice chance of thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slice chance of thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Mostly Cloudy	▲82 ▼77
Palau	Cloudy	▲78 ▼75
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	▲85 ▼77
Chuuk	Cloudy	▲84 ▼77
Pohnpei	Cloudy	▲89 ▼80
Kosrae	Cloudy	▲82 ▼77
Majuro	Mostly Cloudy	▲87 ▼77

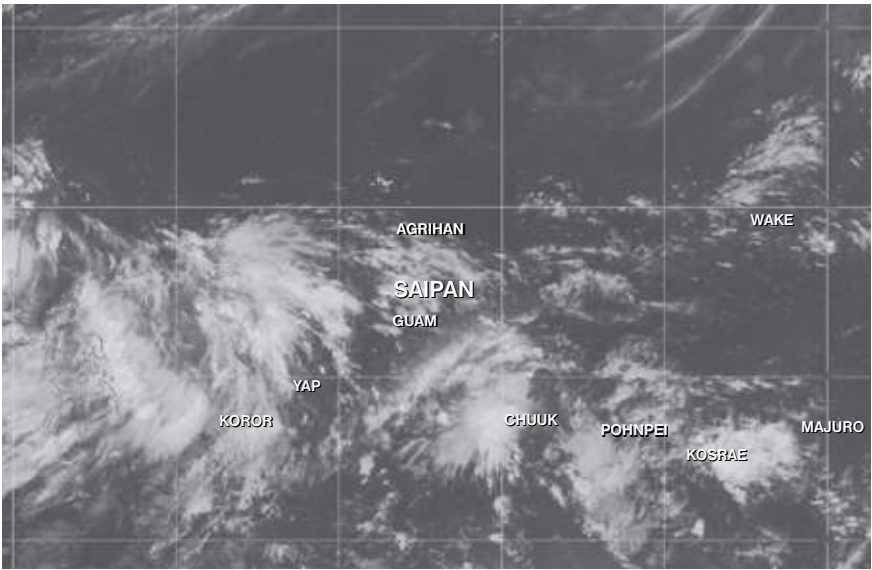
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Rain	▲55 ▼45
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲90 ▼68
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲93 ▼82
Honolulu	Cloudy	▲88 ▼76
London	Showers	▲72 ▼59
Los Angeles	Cloudy	▲84 ▼64
Manila	Thundershowers	▲85 ▼77
Melbourne	Rain	▲58 ▼47
Miami	Thundershowers	▲91 ▼79
New York	Cloudy	▲81 ▼70
Osaka	Rain	▲85 ▼75
Paris	Cloudy	▲74 ▼62
Pusan	Rain	▲86 ▼74
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲82 ▼57
Salem	Partly Sunny	▲86 ▼55
San Francisco	Cloudy	▲67 ▼55
Seoul	Partly Sunny	▲86 ▼68
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	▲82 ▼71
Washington, DC	Partly Sunny	▲85 ▼71

### Tides

Saipan Harbor		
4:27 AM Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
9:06 AM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
4:16 PM Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet
11:06 AM Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2009**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends southeastward from 14N130E to a circulation developing near 8N148E. A surface trough also extends northward from 14N136E to 18N137E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms from Palau northward are in an area bounded by a line from 19N133E to 15N141E to 3N136E to 7N130E to 10N130E back to 19N133E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the circulation are just west of Chuuk between 5N and 10N from 146E to 152E. Low-level convergence is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms across the Mariana islands within 125 miles of a line from 18N144E to 14N144E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms southwest of Pohnpei within 100 miles of a line from 6N155E to 1N158E, and near Kosrae within 75 miles of a line from 6N164E to 4N165E.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:53 AM	6:52 PM
Sunday	5:54 AM	6:52 PM
Monday	5:54 AM	6:51 PM
Tuesday	5:54 AM	6:51 PM
Wednesday	5:55 AM	6:51 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	9:26 PM	8:45 AM
Sunday	10:01 PM	9:32 AM
Monday	10:36 PM	10:20 AM
Tuesday	11:13 PM	11:08 AM
Wednesday	11:53 PM	11:59 AM

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ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

## FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 100 7:00am 7:30am Daily				FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 100 7:50am 8:20am Daily				FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 200 9:00am 9:30am Daily				FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
FRE 200 9:50am 10:15am Daily							
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				<b>Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**</b>			
FRE 300 4:00pm 4:30pm Daily				FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 300 4:50pm 5:25pm Daily				FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 400 6:00pm 6:30pm Daily				FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
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<b>Saipan-Tinian</b>				FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
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FRE 107 8:40am 8:50am Daily				FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 109* 9:10am 9:20am Daily				FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily
FRE 111* 10:45am 10:55am Daily							



## NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- \*11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.com](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.com)



Schedule of Religious Services								
CATHOLIC								
<b>Mt. Carmel Cathedral</b> Sunday Mass: 6am, 9am, 11am and 6pm Monday-Saturday: 6am Wednesday: 6am and 6pm								
<b>Korean Center</b> Sunday: 10:30am Wednesday: 10am Thursday-Friday: 8pm Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm								
<b>Kristo Rai Parish</b> Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am Monday- Saturday: 6am Wednesday: 6am and 6pm Saturday: 6am and 6pm								
<b>Nuestra Senora De Soledad Parish</b> Wednesday Mass: 6pm First Friday Healing Mass: 6pm Saturday Mass: 6pm Sunday Masses: 7:30am & 9am								
<b>Saint Jude Parish</b> Sunday: 6am, 8am, 10am Wednesday and Thursday: 6pm								
<b>San Antonio Parish</b> Sunday: 6am and 8am Tuesday and Friday: 6pm								
<b>San Francisco de Borja-Rota</b> Sunday: 6am and 8am Monday-Saturday: 6am Wednesday: 6pm								
<b>San Isidro-Rota</b> Sunday: 5am and 10am Monday-Wednesday: 7pm Thursday-Saturday: 5am and 7pm								
<b>San Jose (Oleai) Parish</b> Sunday: 6am and 7:30am Tuesday-Wednesday and Friday-Saturday: 6pm								
<b>San Roque Parish</b> Sunday: 9am Wednesday: 6pm Saturday: 10:30am								
<b>San Vicente Parish</b> Sunday: 6am, 9am and 6pm Monday-Saturday: 6pm								
<b>Santa Remedios</b> Sunday: 7:30am Tuesday: 6pm Saturday: 10am-Baptism								
<b>Santa Soledad</b> Sunday: 7:30am								
PROTESTANT								
<b>Born Again Christian (Upper Room Int'l Ministries), Saipan</b> Wednesday Prayer and Healing Night: 8-10:30pm Saturday Tagalog Service: 8-10:30pm Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am Sunday School for Children: 10-11am Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm								
<b>Calvary Baptist Church, Saipan</b> Sunday School: 9am Sunday Morning Worship: 10am Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm Wednesday Prayer Service: 7pm								
<b>Chinese Christian Church of Saipan</b> Worship Services: Sunday, 10am and 7:30pm Bible Study: Tuesday-Friday, 9:25pm								
<b>Cornerstone Christian Church, Saipan</b> Worship/Study Opportunities Adult Sunday School: 9am Youth Sunday School: 9am English Worship Service Sunday: 10am Sunday Service: 5:30pm Worship/Fellowship Sunday: 9:30pm Evangelism/Follow-up: Sunday/Monday: 1:30/7:30pm Worship Team: Monday/Saturday-9pm; Cell Groups Tuesday: 7:30pm Mid-week Service: 7:30pm Prayer Meeting Wednesday: 7:30pm Leader's Bible Study Friday: 7:30 pm Cornerstone School of Ministry Saturday: 7:30pm								
<b>Episcopal/Anglican Church on Saipan</b> St. Paul's Episcopal Church Worship Service Sunday: Holy Communion 9:00am Place: Vicarage, Chalan Laulau, Call 235-0545 for directions								
<b>Grace Christian Assembly, Saipan</b> Worship Service: 9am GBI Classes: 4-6pm Prayer Meeting: Monday-Saturday: 6am Sunday: 7am Home Cell Bible Study: Wednesday-Friday: 7pm Youth Service: Friday: 5:30pm								
<b>Iglesia Ni Cristo, Saipan</b> Wednesday: 7:45pm (Tagalog) Thursday: 5:30am (English); 7:45 pm (English) Saturday: 7:45pm (Tagalog) Sunday: 6:45am (English) Children Worship Service: Sunday, 9am (English)								
<b>Immanuel United Methodist Church Koblerville</b> Sunday Services 9:00 AM Place of the church-next to Mt. Carmel Cathedral on Chalan Kanoa Dr. • Tel: 322-6158 Pastor JJ Matsumoto								
<b>Immanuel Methodist Church (Filipino Congregation)</b> Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal 8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog)								
9:15am-Sunday School Wednesday: 6:30pm, home group 8:00pm-Prayer Meeting Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice (Church) Saturday: 8:00pm-Choir Practice (Parsonage)								
<b>Jesus is Lord Church, Saipan</b> English Service: 9-11am, Sunday Tagalog Service: 6-8pm, Sunday								
<b>Korean Presbyterian Church, Saipan</b> Sunday School: 8:20am Sunday Adult: 10am Sunday Adult: 11:30am Sunday Evening: 7:30pm Wednesday: 8pm								
<b>Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan</b> Sunday Worship Service: 10am-12noon Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-11pm Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)								
<b>Marianas Baptist Church, Saipan</b> English Worship Service: 9-10:30am Evening Worship Service: 6-7pm Children Sunday School: 9-10:30am Tagalog Sunday School: 11am-12pm English Sunday School: 11am-12pm Korean Worship Service: 11am-12pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting: English, 7pm-8pm Korean: 8:30pm-9:30pm								
<b>Missions Connection Ministry</b> Every Sunday Celebrations: 10am (English), 6pm (Tagalog) Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm Youth Impact Friday: 7pm Saturday Prayer Meeting: 7pm								
<b>Northern Marianas Christian Church</b> Sunday Worship Service 10am Fina Sisu Housing FS#1 (Child care will be provided) Friday Services @ 7pm Fina Sisu FS#1 for more info pls. contact Ryan 484-2620								
<b>Saipan Bible Fellowship Church</b> Sunday School: 9:30-10am Divine Worship: 10am-11:30am Evening Service: 7pm-8:30pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8pm-9pm								
<b>Saipan Christian Church</b> Sunday: 7:30am-10am Sunday: 6:30 pm -9pm Monday: 8 pm -10pm (Prayer Meeting) Thursday: 8pm-10pm (Cell Groups)								
<b>Saipan Church of Christ</b> Sunday Bible Class: 9am Sunday Worship: 10am Sunday Worship English: 6pm Sunday Worship Tagalog: 7pm Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30pm								
<b>Saipan Community Church</b> (Sunday Services) Palau Service: 7:30am-9am English Service: 10am-11:30am Chuukese Service: 1pm-2:30pm Filipino Service: 5:00pm-7:00pm								
<b>Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Saipan</b> (Saturday Church Services) Sabbath School Program: 9-10am Lesson Study: 10-10:40am Divine Service: 11-12pm Visitation: 3-4pm Adventist Youth Program: 4:30-5:30pm Sundown Worship: 6-7pm								
<b>First Baptist Church</b> (Formerly Saipan Baptist Church) Afetna St., San Antonio Sunday <table><tr><td>9am</td><td>Sunday school</td></tr><tr><td>10am</td><td>Regular worship</td></tr><tr><td>6pm</td><td>worship</td></tr></table> Wednesday 7pm worship Everyone is warmly welcome to attend our worship services. Transportation is readily available to anyone who needs a ride to our church. For further information, please call Pastor David M. Mclure at 234-1939/235-7779.			9am	Sunday school	10am	Regular worship	6pm	worship
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<b>Thy Word Ministries Saipan Faith Center</b> Phone 234-0209 New Christian Charismatic Church Service located in Chalan Paio, Beach Road in the Sablan building on the 2nd floor above Subway Sandwiches. Senior Pastors: George & Gail Kamakahi Asst. Pastors: Eric & Penny Sakaguchi Service Times Sunday 10:00am Worship Service Sunday 7pm Discipleship Classes Tuesday 10:00am Bible Studies Tuesday 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer Tuesday 7:00pm Music Practice Wednesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Service Saturday 10:00am Evangelism								
<b>Upper Room International Ministries</b> Sunday 5:30am-6:30am Morning prayer <table><tr><td>7am-9am</td><td>English service</td></tr><tr><td>7am-9am</td><td>Sunday school</td></tr><tr><td>10am-12noon</td><td>English service,</td></tr></table> Koblerville Wednesday 7pm-9pm Prayer meeting Saturday 7pm-9pm Tagalog service Venue: Jason Presbyterian Church Gualo Rai, Saipan			7am-9am	English service	7am-9am	Sunday school	10am-12noon	English service,
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<b>Victory Chapel Christian Fellowship Church</b> Sunday School: 9:30am Sunday AM Worship: 10:30am Sunday PM Worship: 7:00am Wed Worship: 7:30pm Prayer 45 min. Prior to Service Times Morning Prayer: 6-8am M-S								

# Flashback

## A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 11, 2000
<b>No major promises</b> President Clinton’s policy-making group for the CNMI has recommended several immediate measures to help the islands ensure economic growth, but these fall short of definite commitment from Washington. The so-called Interagency Group on Insular Areas (IGIA) has released its report compiled following discussions between senior White House officials and governors of the CNMI, Guam, American Samoa and the Virgin Islands. While local concerns raised by Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio during the meetings early this year were included in the report, significant issues, such as school-to-work program and Medicaid cap, have been omitted, according to administration officials.
<b>OPA faults CDA’s building renovation</b> The Office of the Public Auditor has reproached the Commonwealth Development Authority for its failure to observe prudence as called for by the CNMI government-wide cost-cutting program when it decided to renovate its building in Gualo Rai. Renovation of the structure along Middle Road will eventually increase CDA’s monthly rental of the property from \$8,000 to \$13,489, or a difference of over \$5,000, according to the final OPA report released yesterday. However, if CDA occupies the building only during the present lease term and does not exercise the additional five year lease option, rental may increase by \$19,212 per month to \$27,212.
July 11, 2001
<b>Govt irons out deal with NMIRF</b> Officials of the Commonwealth government and the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund have finally come to an agreement on a regular payment schedule that is being touted as a step toward resolving the government’s \$60 million arrears at the Fund. Kathleen Troy-Rucker, the Fund’s general counsel, said that they have already talked with finance and treasury officials and will sit down with them again sometime this week to hammer out the details of a memorandum of agreement where the government will promise to pay the Fund \$500,000 every two weeks. That \$500,000, however, is not payment for the government’s arrears at the Fund. Troy-Rucker clarified that the amount will only cover for the government’s standard employer contribution.
<b>CPA stops oil leak cleanup</b> The Commonwealth Ports Authority has stopped oil leak cleanup operations at the Saipan International Airport, due to Mobil Oil Marianas’ persistent refusal to pay half of the expenses. CPA Board Chair Roman S. Palacios yesterday disclosed that Allied Pacific Environmental Consulting, the firm contracted to do the cleanup, has been ordered to temporarily abandon the project. Palacios stressed that all avenues have been explored by the CPA to impel Mobil to shoulder at least half of the estimated \$500,000 cost of the cleanup operations. “We’ve tried convincing Mobil that the company is equally responsible in the aviation fuel leakage incident in January but in vain,” said Palacios in an interview.
July 11, 2002
<b>Typhoon Halong spares Marianas</b> Typhoon Halong changed its path and spared the Northern Marianas from its fury, as Guam and Rota grapples to recover from the havoc caused by Chata’an that pounded the islands Friday last week. This comes as a relief to the Northern Marianas, especially after reports claimed that Halong continues to gain strength and shows signs of developing into a supertyphoon today. The Emergency Management Office declared an “all clear” situation for the Northern Marianas as of 7pm last night, saying that Halong would not hit the islands, based on weather forecasts. It is expected to hit Japan and possibly the northern part of the Philippines, if it does not change direction.
<b>Random drug testing for students backed</b> The U.S. Supreme Court’s decision to uphold random drug testing of public school students who participate in extracurricular activities has spurred talks among local education officials of implementing a similar regulation within the Public School System. Board of Education Chair Herman T. Guerrero and Education Commissioner Rita H. Inos expressed support for the ruling, noting that it has made PSS rethink its existing policies on student discipline. However, the education officials said they need to take a deeper look at the particular regulation which brought life to the U.S. Supreme Court case: the Tecumseh, Oklahoma school district policy requiring random drug testing of students who take part in extracurricular activities.

# Business

## ‘New’ General Motors is expected to exit Chapter 11

DETROIT (AP)—After a night spent signing mounds of paperwork authorizing the transfer of cash, real estate, technology and other property, GM attorneys are expected to officially usher the new General Motors out of bankruptcy protection on Friday and onto a path toward a hopefully profitable future.

Once the world’s largest and most powerful automaker, the troubled company is expected to emerge cleansed of massive debt and burdensome contracts that would have sunk it without federal loans. Spurred on by the Obama administration’s support, the process took just 40 days, even slightly quicker than crosstown rival Chrysler Group LLC’s 42-day timeframe.

On Thursday, a bankruptcy court order allowing GM to sell most of its assets to a new company went into effect. The new GM, 61 percent owned by the U.S. government, will face a brutally competitive global automotive market in the middle of the worst sales slump in a quarter-century.

At a 9 a.m. press conference Friday, CEO Fritz Henderson will announce that GM will cut another 4,000 white-collar jobs, including 450 top executives. The company still employs 88,000 people in the U.S. and 235,000 worldwide.

Henderson also is expected to describe how GM will streamline its bureaucratic management structure to become profitable again.

GM has said it will be able to make money even if the U.S. auto market stays at a depressed level of 10 million to 10.5 million vehicles sold.

Yet despite massive cost reductions, experts say GM must produce vehicles that people want to buy, and change its image to one on the cutting edge of efficiency and quality.

“It is the smaller, leaner, tougher, better cost-focused GM,” said George Magliano, an automotive analyst with the consulting firm IHS Global Insight. “But they still have to deal with the problems that they faced longer-term.”

Rep. Gary Peters, whose Michigan district is home to three GM factories, said the company’s emergence signals a new era for the domestic auto industry and the thousands of people it employs.

“With bankruptcy in the rearview mirror, U.S. auto companies will even more aggressively pursue new technologies, become more globally competitive,” he said.

“Decades from now, our nation will be glad we did not let a global credit crisis put an end to the American automobile.”

“I’m very much looking forward to a point where we’re operating in clear air, and the name of the company not being associated with bankruptcy and loans and these things,” said Mark LaNeve, GM’s North American marketing chief.

## Report: AIG asks gov’t to approve bonus payments

After its bonus payments ignited a firestorm of criticism earlier this year, American International Group Inc. is asking the federal government to weigh in on the insurer’s plan to resume paying millions in promised retention incentives next week, according to media reports.

AIG, once the world’s largest insurer, has asked the Obama administration’s compensation czar, Kenneth R. Feinberg, to approve the payments in order to head off any public outrage. The Washington Post reported Thursday evening.

While the company isn’t required to get the government’s blessing because the payments are actually for 2008 employment contracts, the newspaper said executives are reluctant to move forward with installments coming due next week without official approval.

Feinberg has the power to reject pay plans he deems excessive at companies which benefited from large infusions from the government’s \$700 billion bank bailout fund. Feinberg also has authority to review compensation for

the top 100 salaried employees at those firms. AIG is among the companies whose pay practices the government now oversees.

New York-based AIG remains the focus of intense scrutiny, after becoming one in a string of corporate calamities and a touchstone for public fury. The huge volume of credit default swaps—a form of insurance against bond defaults—sold by AIG, coupled with rising levels of defaulted mortgage and other debt, threatened the company’s existence and prompted the government to step in.

Government aid to AIG totals about \$180 billion.

The \$450 million in bonuses that AIG allocated in 2008 for employees, including to traders in the financial products unit that brought it to the brink of collapse, fueled public and congressional outrage. The first installment of those payments earlier this year sparked legislation in Congress to slap punishing taxes on big bonuses at AIG and other companies bailed out by taxpayers, though the Senate didn’t act on that plan. *(AP)*



# Nation

## Health care overhaul suffers another setback

WASHINGTON (AP)—The drive to remake the nation's health care system suffered yet another setback in Congress on Thursday when a pivotal group of House Democrats demanded changes in legislation the leadership was drafting on a fast track.

The emerging bill "lacks a number of elements essential to preserving what works and fixing what is broken," 40 members of the Blue Dog Coalition of moderate to conservative Democrats wrote party leaders. To win their support, they said, any legislation would need to be much more aggressive in reining in health care costs as well as in addressing a disparity in Medicare payments they said adversely affects rural providers.

A group of the moderates met into early evening with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Majority Leader Steny Hoyer and arranged to sit down with committee chairmen on Friday to go over proposed changes. Officials said the public release of the bill, originally set for Friday, would occur no earlier than Monday.

It was the second setback in three days for President Barack

Obama's top domestic priority, although it was unclear whether it would amount to anything more than a brief delay for a bill of enormous complexity and controversy.

There was upheaval earlier in the week in the Senate, where the Democratic leadership is intent on scuttling a proposed tax on health care benefits that has long been key to attempts

at a bipartisan compromise. At the same time, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and others went out of their way during the day to emphasize eagerness for Republican support.

As an alternative to the benefits tax, Democrats are considering raising taxes on wealthy investors to help pay for health care legislation, along with numerous other options, according to officials who spoke on condition of anonymity. The proposal to extend the current 1.45 percent Medicare payroll

tax to capital gains earned by high-income taxpayers would bring in an estimated \$100 billion over 10 years.

In the House, Hoyer sought to minimize the day's developments, which occurred as Democrats on one committee were making final decisions on provisions to pay for the legislation.



Vice President Joe Biden speaks about a White House deal with hospitals to help pay for President Barack Obama's overhaul of health care, Wednesday, July 8, 2009, in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building in Washington.

## Ensign's parents gave mistress's family \$96K

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Sen. John Ensign said Thursday his parents gave his mistress and her family nearly \$100,000 "out of concern for the well being of longtime family friends during a difficult time," providing his first public acknowledgment that the woman received payments tied to the affair.



Ensign

In a statement through his attorney, Ensign described the April 2008 payment as a sin-

gle check for \$96,000 given to Cindy and Doug Hampton and two of their children. The Hampton family received the check after the senator told his parents of his affair with Cindy Hampton, a campaign aide and longtime friend.

"None of the gifts came from campaign or official funds, nor were they related to any campaign or official duties," Ensign's Dallas-based attorney, Paul Coggins,

said in a statement. "Sen. Ensign has complied with all applicable laws and Senate ethics rules."

The statement comes a day after Doug Hampton told a Las Vegas television show that Ensign paid Cindy Hampton more than \$25,000 in severance when she left her job as treasurer for two Ensign-controlled campaign committees.

Ensign, the son of a Las Vegas casino mogul, had not commented directly on allegations of payments to the Hamptons, but through a spokesman called Doug Hampton's statements

"consistently inaccurate."

A possible unreported severance payment raised questions of a campaign finance violation. A gift from the senator's parents may not pose the same problems, one ethics expert said.

Stan Brand, a Washington attorney who represents clients in ethics cases and does not have ties to Ensign, said he sees no ethical or legal problems with parents making the payment.

## Is this cyber war? Possible US responses limited

WASHINGTON (AP)—A lot of people are saying this is cyber war. But if the Internet attack on U.S. Web sites was an assault by North Korea or some other foreign government, what good responses are in America's arsenal?

"The short answer is probably 'Not a heck of a lot,'" says James Lewis, a senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Defense and cyber analysts said Thursday that chances are high that very little eventually will be done to whoever orchestrated several days of attacks against Web sites including the White House and Pentagon as well as sites in South Korea. That's largely because the investigation is unlikely to figure out who did it.

But even if it's determined

that another nation was behind the attacks, the possible responses are hardly warlike: trade sanctions, diplomatic protests or a complaint before the United Nations.

"You could eject an attache, recall your ambassador and throw out their ambassador," Lewis said. That's not possible with North Korea, he noted of a main suspect in the attacks, since Pyongyang doesn't have an embassy in the U.S.

But war? Military action? No one is talking about that. Any punishment needs to fit the crime, analysts said, and this doesn't meet the threshold of an act of war.

"I don't think this kind of attack merits the use of force," said Kristin Lord, national se-

curity expert at the Center for a New American Security.

"It's annoying, a little embarrassing, but it's not a big deal," Lewis said, meaning that no major damage was done.

But others think retaliation might be called for, strong enough to send a stiff message, perhaps even a similar dose of the U.S. military's secret offensive cyber capability.

U.S. officials routinely refuse to talk about either computer defenses or computer attacks America might have launched. But U.S. offensive cyber retaliation could range from a passive intrusion such as listening in on a foe's communications to an attack that cripples an enemy's air defense systems to clear the way for a bomber attack.

## State e-mails detail SC gov's Argentina plans

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)—South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford pushed for a packed schedule but wanted to keep an evening free on the taxpayer-funded trip to Buenos Aires where he says his friendship with an Argentine woman turned physical, e-mails released Thursday show.

Hundreds of e-mails provided by the state Commerce Department through a Freedom of Information request also show that Sanford rejected an organized tour of historic sites in Argentina during the June 2008 trade mission.

Last month, the married Republican governor stunned his state by disappearing on a secret trip to Argentina for nearly a week before returning and tearfully admitting a yearlong affair with a woman there named Maria Belen Chapur. He had told his staff he was going to hike the Appalachian Trail.

After Sanford gave a more detailed explanation of the affair in interviews with The Associated Press last week, saying Chapur is his soul mate but he will try to reconcile with his wife, even his closest allies said they were close to asking him to step down. But Sanford has

hung on and insists he'll stay.

The state GOP was only able to muster enough votes in a meeting Monday to rebuke him, and a rally Thursday calling for his resignation drew only 60 people, mostly Democrats. Among them was Lori Wind of Charleston, who said a state law enforcement investigation that found Sanford did not misuse public funds to see Chapur was insufficient because it relied on his statements.

"Why is an attempt being made to sweep this under the rug?" the 39-year-old accountant asked.

Sanford has reimbursed the state \$3,300 for the part of the 2008 trip where he saw his mistress, whom he met in 2001 at a dance spot in Uruguay, and says he spent no other taxpayer money to see her.

The Commerce Department previously said the Buenos Aires trip grew out of Sanford's request for business meetings in Argentina. The department says he asked for those meetings because he didn't want to spend too much time on a privately paid bird hunting trip to Cordoba, Argentina, that Commerce Secretary Joe Taylor was planning after the group went to Brazil.

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### 4 Ill. cemetery workers accused in grisly plot

ALSIP, Ill. (AP)—Three gravediggers and a cemetery manager unearthed hundreds of corpses from a historic black cemetery south of Chicago, dumping some in a weeded area and double-stacking others in existing graves, in an elaborate scheme to resell the plots, authorities said Thursday. All four were charged with felonies. Frantic relatives of the deceased descended on Burr Oak Cemetery—the final resting place of lynching victim Emmett Till and blues singers Willie Dixon and Dinah Washington—in hopes someone could tell them their loved ones' remains were not among the pile of bones that littered a remote area of the property in Alsip, 12 miles south of Chicago.

#### Train hits car in Mich., 5 young people inside die

CANTON TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP)—An Amtrak passenger train carrying about 170 people struck a car that had skirted a gate at a road crossing near Detroit on Thursday, killing all five people in the sedan, authorities said. The crossing has a gate and flashing lights that apparently were working when the car approached, said

Sgt. Mark Gajeski, a police spokesman. Based on witness accounts, "it looks like they probably did go around the arm. They went around the gate," Gajeski said. The crash occurred around 12:30 p.m. in Canton Township, about 20 miles west of Detroit, police Sgt. Craig Wilsher said. He said the vehicle was heading north when it crossed the train tracks and was struck. The train typically travels about 67 miles per hour at the site of the crash, Gajeski said.

#### Woman vanishes at skyscraper near ground zero

NEW YORK (AP)—A Manhattan skyscraper in one of the most security-conscious parts of the city has become the scene of an unlikely missing persons mystery. Police are trying to figure out what happened to a cleaning woman who vanished midway through her shift Tuesday evening at an office tower a few hundred feet from the World Trade Center reconstruction site. Eridania Rodriguez, 46, punched in for work at 2 Rector Street around 5 p.m. She donned her blue uniform, chatted with other after-hours employees and was last seen on security cameras around 7 p.m., according to police and her family.



# Asia

## Report: 2 US journalists staying in guest house

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea has delayed sending two convicted U.S. journalists to a prison labor camp, in a possible attempt to seek talks with Washington on their release, a scholar who visited the North said in an interview published Friday.

Laura Ling and Euna Lee, who work for former U.S. Vice President Al Gore's California-based Current TV media group, are being kept at guest house in the North Korean capital and have not yet been sent to a prison camp as called for in their sentences, University of Georgia political scientist Han Park said.

"I heard from North Korean officials that the American journalists were doing fine at a guest house in Pyongyang," Park told South Korea's JoongAng Ilbo newspaper. Park, originally from South Korea, arrived Thursday in Seoul following a trip to Pyongyang.



Lisa Ling, the sister of imprisoned journalist Laura Ling, wipes her eye during a rally at the Capitol in Sacramento, Calif., Thursday, July 9, 2009.

## Chinese try to heal psychological wounds of unrest

URUMQI, China (AP)—Construction worker Zhang Binkun was seething over the death of his mother, whom he believes was killed by a mob of Uighurs with sticks and stones.

So he grabbed a club and joined a group of Han Chinese vigilantes trying to hunt down Uighurs, a Turkic-speaking Muslim minority in this remote part of western China.

"I thought if I catch one, I will

kill him," Zhang said.

It is this fury and thirst for revenge—on both sides—that scares the Chinese government, because it is fuelling the worst ethnic rioting to hit western China in decades. More than 150 people have died in fighting this week in Xinjiang's capital, Urumqi, a city of 2.3 million people.

Chinese officials ordered mosques in Urumqi to sus-

pend Friday prayers for the sake of public safety, a government worker at the Yang Hang mosque said. She declined to give her name.

Separately, officials in the southwestern Xinjiang city of Kashgar told journalists and other foreigners to leave to ensure their safety, the city's foreign affairs office said, although the agency said there has been no unrest in the city.

## Afghanistan tones down contentious marriage law

KABUL (AP)—Afghanistan's government has revised a law that stirred an international outcry because it essentially legalized marital rape, officials said Thursday. The new version no longer requires a woman submit to sex with her husband, only that she do certain housework.

The changes, which parlia-

ment is expected to approve, likely reflect a calculation by President Hamid Karzai that his reputation as a reformer is more important than support from conservative Shiites who favored the original bill.

Presidential spokesman Humayun Hamidzada said the revisions show that Karzai has

followed through on a pledge made in April to expunge the offensive parts of the marriage law, which applies only to minority Shiite Muslims.

Women's rights activists welcomed the new draft, but many said the government had not done enough and that little will change in day-to-day life.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Airstrikes in northwest Pakistan kill 24 militants

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistani fighter jets killed 24 insurgents close to the Afghan border while security forces arrested 40 militants in raids in another northwestern region, officials said Friday. Under heavy U.S. pressure, Pakistan is chipping away at al-Qaida and Taliban militants who have enjoyed a safe haven in the border region for years. The extremists are blamed for scores of attacks in nuclear-armed Pakistan, as well as neighboring Afghanistan. The jets destroyed several militant hide-outs late Thursday in the Aurakzai tribal region, killing 24 insurgents, two intelligence officials said on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

#### Aung San Suu Kyi's trial resumes in Myanmar

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)—Riot police deployed outside Myanmar's main prison Friday as the trial of democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi resumed, a week after the ruling generals blocked efforts by the U.N. chief to save her from a possible five-year prison term. The 64-year-old Nobel Peace Prize laureate is charged with violating the terms of her house arrest by harboring an American man who swam secretly to her lakeside home and stayed for two days. Khin Moe Moe, a lawyer and a member of Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party, was scheduled to appear as a defense witness during Friday's session, which a Myanmar official said re-

started Friday inside Yangon's Insein prison where Suu Kyi is being held.

#### Earthquake in China's south kills 1, injures 324

BEIJING (AP)—A moderate earthquake rocked southwest China killing one person, injuring at least 324 others and collapsing some 18,000 homes, state media said. The magnitude-6.0 temblor, centered in Yunnan province's Yao'an county, also damaged nearly 40,000 homes on Thursday, the Xinhua News Agency said. Thirty people suffered severe injuries, Xinhua said. The quake was followed by eight aftershocks and the provincial civil affairs department was sending 4,500 tents, 3,000 quilts and other relief materials to Yao'an, Xinhua said.

# World

## Thousands protest in Iran, defying crackdown vow

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Thousands of protesters streamed down avenues of the capital Thursday, chanting "death to the dictator" and defying security forces who fired tear gas and charged with batons, witnesses said.

Turning garbage bins into burning barricades and darting through choking clouds of tear gas, the opposition made its first foray into the streets in nearly two weeks in an attempt to revive mass demonstrations that were crushed in Iran's postelection turmoil.

Iranian authorities had promised tough action to prevent the marches, which supporters of opposition leader Mir Hossein

Mousavi have been planning for days through the Internet. Heavy police forces deployed at key points in the city ahead of the marches, and Tehran's governor vowed to "smash" anyone who heeded the demonstration calls.

In some places, police struck hard. Security forces chased after protesters, beating them with clubs on Valiasr Street, Tehran's biggest north-south avenue, witnesses said.

Women in headscarves and young men dashed away, rubbing their eyes in pain as police fired tear gas, in footage aired on state-run Press TV. In a photo from Thursday's events in Tehran obtained by

The Associated Press outside Iran, a woman with her black headscarf looped over her face thrust her fist into the air in front of a garbage bin that had been set on fire.

In another image, a man dropped to his knees, overcome by the effects of tear gas.

But the clampdown was not total. At Tehran University, a line of police blocked a crowd from reaching the gates of the campus, but then did not move to disperse them as the protesters chanted "Mir Hossein" and "death to the dictator" and waved their hands in the air, witnesses said. The crowd grew to nearly 1,000 people, the witnesses said.

## G-8 climate talks divide rich and poor countries

L'AQUILA, Italy (AP)—The chasm between rich and poor on how to address climate change burst into the open at the G-8 summit Thursday, showing how difficult it will be to persuade the world to make lifestyle and economic sacrifices needed to save the planet from global warming.

President Barack Obama urged emerging economies to do more to curb global warming, while the U.N. chief demanded developed countries set an example and take more concrete steps to reduce pollution.

Especially reluctant to commit to change were two budding powers that are just now

getting comfortable economically: India and China.

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L'AQUILA, Italy (AP)—Leaders of the exclusive club of eight industrialized leaders plus five of the fastest developing nations are calling for open markets and a battle against protectionism as the answer to the world's economic meltdown.

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But the need to save jobs back home is pulling them in the opposite direction. How can the goal set by the leaders—completing a long-stalled world trade deal by next year—be reconciled with major pressures to protect local industries?

## Study: 1 in 3 breast cancer patients overtreated

LONDON (AP)—One in three breast cancer patients identified in public screening programs may be treated unnecessarily, a new study says. Karsten Jorgensen and Peter Gotzsche of the Nordic Cochrane Centre in Copenhagen analyzed breast cancer trends at least seven years before and after government-run screening programs for breast cancer started in parts of Australia, Britain, Canada, Norway and Sweden.

The research was published Friday in the BMJ, formerly known as the British Medical Journal. Jorgensen and Gotzsche did not cite any funding for their study.

Once screening programs began, more cases of breast cancer were inevitably picked up, the study showed. If a screening program is working, there should also be a drop in the number of advanced cancer cases detected in older women,

since their cancers should theoretically have been caught earlier when they were screened.

However, Jorgensen and Gotzsche found the national breast cancer screening systems, which usually test women aged between 50 and 69, simply reported thousands more cases than previously identified. Overall, Jorgensen and Gotzsche found that one third of the women identified as having breast cancer didn't actually need to be treated.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### 2 men and a mediator: Can Arias help Honduras?

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP)—Talks to resolve the leadership crisis in Honduras began Thursday, with both sides holding closed-door meetings with Costa Rican President Oscar Arias to discuss a coup that has reawakened fears of political instability in the region. Ousted Honduran president Manuel Zelaya appeared first, and left Arias' home in Costa Rica's capital shortly before the arrival of the man who replaced him after a military coup, his former friend and political ally Roberto Micheletti. If Zelaya offered any concessions, he wasn't

talking about them. As he headed back to his hotel, Zelaya called for "the reestablishment of the state of law, democracy and the return of the president elected by the Honduran people." Micheletti, for his part, insists that Zelaya must relinquish any claim to the presidency.

#### UNESCO: Invasion seriously harmed historic Babylon

BAGHDAD (AP)—Iraq's U.S.-led invaders inflicted serious damage on Babylon, driving heavy machinery over sacred paths, bulldozing hilltops and digging trenches through one of the world's greatest ar-

chaeological sites, experts for UNESCO said Thursday. "The use of Babylon as a military base was a grave encroachment on this internationally known archaeological site," said a report which the U.N. cultural agency presented in Paris. UNESCO officials stressed that the damage didn't begin with the U.S. military's arrival nor fully end after it left. Archaeologists took away some of Babylon's finest treasures in the 19th century, Saddam Hussein embellished the site with his own structures, and looters returned when the Americans handed the site back to the Iraqis 21 months after the March 2003 invasion.



# Maharlika

PINOY LIFE IN THE MARIANAS

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## Filipino women abroad outnumber men

*Editor's Note: The following is an article prepared by the Institute for Migration and Development Issues in the Philippines.*

**O**n the national aggregate, females who worked and settled overseas have outnumbered males.

The same gender trend is true when looking at the provinces of origin of overseas Filipinos, as local development in the countryside has an overseas Filipina's face.

Philippine Overseas Employment administration data on

### More and more female OFWs from the provinces

overseas workers from 2004 to 2007 shows that 33 provinces have more female land- and sea-based migrant workers than male counterparts, compared to 18 provinces that had more male migrant workers than females, says a policy brief by a nonprofit organization.

These include all the provinces belonging to the Ilocos region and in the Cordillera Administrative Region, writes a policy brief on overseas Filipinos by gender in the prov-

inces released by the Institute for Migration and Development Issues (IMDI).

Some 21 other provinces, meanwhile, had years that there were more female migrant workers than males and vice versa—with no clear trend which gender has more migrant workers over the four-year period, says the policy brief (*which can be downloaded at <http://depositfiles.com/files/sscex7wj5>*).

An overwhelming 76 of 78 provinces with data had more

female than male emigrants and permanent residents, reveals a 27-year dataset on this group of migrants coming from the Commission on Filipinos Overseas.

Only Aklan and Tawi-Tawi had more male than female permanent residents and emigrants, reveals IMDI's policy brief (written by Dawn Naisa Majaducon).

The provinces that had more female than male overseas workers and permanent residents come from provinces with high and low poverty incidence levels.

IMDI wrote that women overseas Filipinos have contributed "a lot of resources quietly yet visibly, and have helped improve their birth provinces' quality of life."

On the other hand, the institute said these contributions by overseas Filipinas are "not without a cost" since females are vulnerable to human rights abuses".

*IMDI's policy brief on overseas Filipinos in the provinces by gender can be downloaded in this link: <http://depositfiles.com/files/sscex7wj5>*

### Underground river makes '7 wonders' semis

**PUERTO PRINCESA CITY, Philippines**—The Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park, the country's single remaining entry to a Web-based voting for the seven new natural wonders of the world, has made it to the semifinal round of the ongoing selection process.

The organizer of the campaign, the Switzerland-based New7Wonders Foundation, announced Thursday the 77 semifinal winners which made it to the penultimate round of selection following a year of email-based voting where over one billion votes were cast over the Internet with the Philippine's lone entry making the cut.

Based on the predetermined process of selection, an international panel of experts will evaluate the remaining 77 sites and will select the 28 finalists to be announced on July 21 based on a set of criteria determined by the organizers.

A final round of Internet voting will then be held for another year until the seven winners are determined and declared in 2011.

Puerto Princesa City Mayor Edward S. Hagedorn said the city government, which has launched a full-blown campaign to solicit votes for the country's lone entry, was confident the subterranean river would make it to the list of 28 finalists.

"I'm really pleased that we made it this far, even with little support from the national government, considering that we were competing with entries like the Amazon, which is being supported by at least five countries," Hagedorn said.



**BALANGAY**

AP PHOTO/AARON FAVILA

A replica of the Balangay, center, a wooden-hulled boat used around the Philippine archipelago about 1,700 years ago, settles on the waters as it is launched at Manila Bay, Philippines on Saturday, June 27, 2009. Philippine adventurers who conquered Mount Everest said they will use the ancient-style boat to sail to the country's major islands, Southeast Asia and Africa to promote Filipino pride and unity.

## Four of 10 household heads in OFW families are jobless

*Editor's Note: The following is an article prepared by the Institute for Migration and Development Issues in the Philippines.*

Four of ten heads of households with dependents sending remittances from abroad do not have work, if government survey data on family income and expenditures were to be believed.

A nonprofit's policy brief on the households of overseas Filipino workers shows that 44 percent of these households' heads are unemployed in the 2003 and 2006 editions of the Family Income and Expenditures Survey.

Meanwhile, for migrant household heads who were employed, there were slight percentage increases over the three-year period of those household heads who

are self-employed and who work in private establishments.

Self-employed heads of migrant household rose from 27 percent in 2003 to 29 percent in 2006, while those who are working in private establishments rose from 12 percent to 13 percent, data contained in the policy brief of the Institute for Migration and Development Issues wrote (*this brief can be downloaded at <http://depositfiles.com/files/95fcoh0zb>*).

The number of migrant households increased from 1,105,414 in the 2000 round of the FIES to 1,601,497 in the 2006 FIES.

Migrant households expectedly got more remittance incomes over the three triennial rounds of the FIES cited. Families receiving cash, gifts and

other forms of assistance from abroad got Php208.848 billion in 2000, Php245.856 billion in 2003, and Php348.524 in 2006.

Citing the 2003 and 2006 rounds of the FIES, males who head these migrant households are more than their female counterparts (899,055 male migrant household heads versus 702,442 female counterparts in 2006). This reflects that there are more females who are working overseas.

Meanwhile, citing data from the Labor Force Survey, spouses who are abroad are the most number in terms of who are the OFWs in relation to the head of the household left behind. Not so far behind are OFWs who are sons or daughters of the heads of the households left behind.

### ? LABOR FRONT

## Copy of employment contract, executing a subcontract

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**Q: When an employer hires an alien worker from outside the CNMI, when should that worker be given his or her copy of the employment contract?**

**A:** A copy of the approved employment contract should be provided to the foreign national worker by the employer prior to arrival in the Commonwealth. According to the new Alien Labor Rules and Regulations, an entry permit should be provided to the foreign national worker at the orientation session. No employer may withhold from any foreign national worker any passport, entry or work permit, approved employment contract, or other document related to the status of the alien worker.

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**Q: How can an employer execute a subcontract with another employer with respect to employment of alien workers?**

**A:** The Regulations state that any subcontract by an employer to another employer for the services of an alien worker should be implemented or performed only with the prior approval of the Labor Director.

Application for approval of a subcontract should be submitted on a standard form provided by Labor. Temporary consensus workers may be subcontracted to the Department of Commerce without prior approval.

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**Q: Can a foreign worker end an employment contract?**

**A:** During the term of the contract, the regulations state that an employer or employee may terminate an approved employment contract for cause as defined in such contract. An employer shall give written notice to the worker and to Labor on a standard form provided by Labor at least 10 days prior to the termination date. An alien worker may file a complaint with the Labor Administrative Hearing Office contesting a termination for cause. The Labor Director may investigate a termination to determine if such as in compliance with law and Labor regulations.

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# Cory is 'stable, conscious, slowly recovering'

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**MANILA, Philippines**—Comforting news about former President Corazon Aquino was relayed Thursday to those who had been storming heaven with prayers for her recovery.

The cancer-stricken Aquino is "stable, comfortable and conscious," her spokesperson Deedee Siyangco said after the last of the nine-day healing Masses was celebrated at the Greenbelt 5 chapel in Makati City.

Aquino's children and grandchildren get to see her "one at a time," Siyangco said, adding:

"She can communicate with them. She's happy that people are praying for her."

In a brief response from the family, Aquino's nephew Raffy Lopa said she was "slowly recovering."

Lopa also said the family was thankful for the "prayers and expressions of love" from the Filipino people.

The 76-year-old heroine of the 1986 EDSA People Power Revolution and widow of the assassinated opposition leader Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr. was diagnosed with colon cancer early last year. She has been confined at Makati Medical Center for almost three weeks.

## Pamphlet of prayers

As a token of appreciation to those who had been praying for the former President, her friends distributed pocket-sized pamphlets containing the novena prayer as well as prayers written by her, which were read at the daily Masses.

The prayers written by Aquino are titled "Thank You, Thank You, Lord!" and "Prayer for a Happy Death."

The pamphlet also includes



Hundreds of students and Catholic nuns from St. Scholastica's College, the alma mater of former President Corazon "Cory" Aquino, attend a mass for her speedy recovery Friday July 10, 2009 in Manila, Philippines.

her favorite Biblical verses, such as this one from Judith 9:5: "O my God, listen to my prayers, the prayer of a widow. Your hand guided all that happened then, and all that happened before and after."

Vice President Noli de Castro, El Shaddai leader Bro. Mike Velarde and Metro Manila Development Authority Chair Bayani Fernando led the gathering of Aquino's friends and admirers for the ninth healing Mass.

De Castro offered the image of the Virgin Mary during the Mass. (Aquino is a Marian devotee.)

Jesus Estanislao, who was finance secretary during the 1986-1992 Aquino administration, read the novena prayer.

Senen Bacani and Jose Ong, Aquino's agriculture secretary and internal revenue commissioner, respectively, joined the other Aquino Cabinet members and officials who had been in re-

ligious attendance since July 1.

## More Masses

There will be other special Masses held for Aquino, according to Siyangco.

The Masses scheduled Friday are those to be offered by President Macapagal-Arroyo and her Cabinet in Malacañang at 10 a.m., and by the Department of Foreign Affairs led by Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo at the DFA Auditorium at 4 p.m.

At 6 p.m., Fr. Jose Magadia and Fr. Ben Nebres will celebrate a Mass at the Church of the Gesu inside Ateneo de Manila University on Katipunan Avenue, Quezon City.

Masses will also be held at the Chapel of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the Power Plant Mall in Rockwell, Makati City, from July 13 to July 17.

On Thursday, Undersecretary Anthony Golez said "Cabinet secretaries, some

undersecretaries and the President" would attend the Mass for Aquino at the Palace.

Golez, who is one of Ms Arroyo's deputy spokespersons, said the Mass was her idea.

But Malacañang's media advisory on the President's itinerary Friday does not include her attendance at the Mass. The Media Accreditation and Relations Office said it had not been informed of her attendance, but did not rule it out.

## One with the family

Golez told reporters that by holding the Mass, Ms Arroyo and her Cabinet wanted to pray for Aquino's immediate recovery.

"We are one with [the family] in terms of offering prayers particularly for ... speedy recovery, and we are one with them during this time ... when the family is seeking more strength and more faith in the Lord," he said.

## PHILIPPINE BRIEFS

### RP: Nigerian militants seize tanker, crew

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—A Philippine official says Nigerian militants have seized a Singaporean-flagged tanker with a crew of six, including two Filipinos. Philippine Foreign Affairs spokesman Eduardo Malaya says armed militants boarded the tanker July 4 about 18 miles (30 kilometers) off Koko in Nigeria's oil-rich Delta State. He says the crew is in good condition and the Philippine government is coordinating with the ship's owner in Singapore who is negotiating the release of the crew and vessel. An upsurge in violence in Nigeria that began in 2006 has seen hundreds of foreign workers kidnapped and dozens of attacks on crucial oil infrastructure. Hostages are normally released unharmed although several have died during botched snatch or rescue attempts.

### Swine flu downs 14 pupils in Eastern Samar

**BORONGAN, Eastern Samar**—Two elementary schools in Eastern Samar suspended classes on Friday after a total of 14 pupils tested positive for the H1N1 virus, the provincial health office reported. Eleven of the patients are students of the Eugenio Daza Pilot Elementary School in Borongan while the other three study at the Guiuan Elementary School in Guiuan town, 100 kilometers from Borongan. Niña Villalon, Eastern Samar schools division superintendent, said the suspension of classes in these two schools would last through July 21. Concesa Balanga, spokesperson of the Eastern Samar provincial health office, said the two public schools had informed the authorities that some of their pupils had flu-like symptoms—17 at the Eugenio Daza Pilot Elementary School and 19 at the Guiuan Elementary School. The regional health office sent an epidemiologist to take swab samples from all 36 pupils on July 2, Balanga said, adding that the results were faxed to the provincial health office at dawn Friday. (*Inquirer Visayas*)

### RP to see partial eclipse of the sun

**MANILA, Philippines**—A partial solar eclipse will be visible in the Philippines on July 22, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa) said Thursday. According to the agency's website, the partial eclipse—which means the moon will only cover part of the sun—could be seen from Metro Manila, Calayan Island, the cities of Laoag, Tuguegarao, Baguio, Angeles, Puerto Princesa, Lucena, Naga and General Santos, and the provinces of Iloilo, Cebu, Zamboanga, Sulu and Davao. The eclipse will start in Metro Manila at exactly 8:33:01 a.m. and will achieve maximum visibility at 9:43 a.m. It will end at 11:01:51 a.m. The path of the moon's umbral shadow will pass through areas of eastern Asia and the Pacific Ocean, particularly the countries of India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar (Burma), regions of central China including Shanghai, Ryukyu and Marshall Islands and Kiribati. (*Philippine Daily Inquirer*)

# US rewards Filipino seamen for reporting polluters

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—The U.S. government has given financial rewards to three Filipino seamen who testified in the prosecution of a shipping company convicted of polluting U.S. waters, the American Embassy said Friday.

The sailors each received a reward, ranging from \$30,000

to \$90,000, under a U.S. law that encourages witnesses to report environmental violations, the embassy said in a statement.

The ceremony was held in Manila on Thursday and the seamen's names withheld for security reasons.

The three sailors served as

witnesses against the GenMar Defiance, an oil tanker owned by the Portuguese-based General Maritime Corp. They told a court in Texas earlier this year that crew members pumped waste oil overboard through a hose designed to bypass pollution controls, the embassy said.

Two of the sailors secretly

photographed the illegal hose connection and provided the photographs to U.S. Coast Guard investigators, it said.

The shipping company was fined \$1 million and placed on five years' probation, and two ship officers were sentenced to confinement, probation and given fines.

the Anti-Terrorism Council headed by Secretary Eduardo Ermita could talk about matters involving bombings.

"If it were raw intelligence information and still unsubstantiated, such statements should have not been made but I will wait for their explanation," Teodoro said.

The military's National Capital Region Command (NCR-Com), headed by Fojas, declared a red alert on Wednesday to prevent a spillover into Metro Manila of bombings that had rocked parts of Mindanao, killing eight people.

Citing intelligence reports,

Fojas said bomb specialists from the Abu Sayyaf bandit group, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and the Jemaah Islamiyah (JI)—which is linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida group—had been tracked in the capital.

But Teodoro said Metro Manila (pop: 11.5 million) remained "relatively safe" and authorities must be careful in issuing reports that might create panic among the public.

"My advice to them is they should do their job, double time, triple time. More action, less talk," he said. (*Philippine Daily Inquirer*)

## AFP told: Stop talk, get bombers

**MANILA, Philippines**—Shut up and just catch them.

Defense Secretary Gilbert Teodoro Jr. Thursday gave this stern order to the Armed Forces after the military commander for Metro Manila divulged ostensibly raw information about the presence of al-Qaida-linked terrorists in the metropolis.

Teodoro told reporters he had ordered the military high command to look into the basis of Maj. Gen. Jogy Leo Fojas' statements to the media that three or

four bombers linked to Islamist terror groups may have slipped into the capital.

"I want to know how deep and grave the information is and if it were true, what are the operations being done (by the military) because we want to see them apprehended," Teodoro told reporters after speaking at a presidential forum hosted by the Rotary Club of Intramuros in Manila.

He said he had also reminded the military that only

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# 'Shabu market' operator, wife get life sentences

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PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

**MANILA, Philippines**—The operator of a "shabu tiangge" (drug market) near the Pasig City Hall that police raided three years ago was sentenced Thursday to life imprisonment. Police said the operator had earned P900 million selling shabu (methamphetamine hydrochloride) at the market.

Amin Imam Boratong and his second wife Sheryl Molera Boratong each got a life term for violating Section 6 of Republic Act No. 9165 (Dangerous Drugs Act).

Judge Abraham B. Borreta of the Pasig Regional Trial Court's Branch 154 found the two guilty beyond reasonable doubt for jointly running the drug market in the Mapayapa Compound on F. Soriano Street.

The court gave credence to the testimony of Samer Palao, Boratong's right-hand man for

the Mapayapa drug operations and the main witness of the Philippine National Police's Anti-Illegal Drugs Special Operations Task Force.

Besides meting out the life terms, the court ordered Boratong to pay P10 million in fines and his wife, P1 million.

Sheryl was also convicted of a separate charge of drug possession as she was found with 52.19 grams of illegal narcotics when the Mapayapa Compound was raided by the police task force in February 2006.

## 5 lady prosecutors hailed

Justice Secretary Agnes Devanadera praised the Department of Justice prosecutors on the case for resisting tremendous pressure.

"Today, we have a triumph of justice and it is very significant that the prosecutors who performed very well are five ladies," Devanadera said. "The vigilance of the community

contributed to the success."

The prosecutors are Anjanette Ortile, Amor Robles, Elizabeth Berdal, Eden Wakay-Valdez and Marlet Balagtas.

Devanadera said the prosecutors had received threatening text messages and had felt they were being followed home. She added there were also bribe attempts.

Vicente "Tito" Sotto III, chair of the Dangerous Drugs Board, said the conviction "sends a strong message that the three pillars of enforcement, prosecution and judiciary are working together to hit the drug peddlers in full force as we get our act together against the scourge of illegal drugs for the sake of the Filipino youth."

## Sobbing

Following the promulgation, Boratong, surrounded by his escorts from the National Bureau of Investigation, told reporters that the decision was unfair.

"They were influenced by the media. What happened to me was

## Philippines' most active volcano restive again

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—Scientists say the Philippines' most active volcano is rumbling again while emitting steam and a strong glow at the summit crater that can be seen with the naked eye.

State volcanologists say the frequency of volcanic earth-

quakes has increased on Mayon signifying the possible movement of magma below the surface that could lead to ash explosions and eventually eruption.

The 8,077-foot (2,462-meter) cone-shaped volcano in the central Bicol region spewed ash and lava from July to October 2006

sending about 30,000 people away from homes.

Typhoon-triggered mudslides along Mayon's slopes buried entire villages in December 2006 killing more than 1,000 people.

Authorities on Friday say they have raised a five-step alert system from 1 to 2.



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In this July 20, 2006 file photo, a phreatic explosion occurs along the lower slopes as lava cascades down the 8,077-foot (2,462-meter) Mayon volcano in the central Bicol region in the Philippines. On Friday July 10, 2009, Philippine scientists say the cone-shaped Mayon volcano, the country's most active, is rumbling again, emitting steam and a strong glow at the summit crater that can be seen with the naked eye and raised the five-step alert system from 1 to 2.

## ADB triples loans to Philippines to \$1.3B

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—The Asian Development Bank has tripled its annual assistance to the Philippines to \$1.3 billion to support the government's pump priming measures, an official said.

The ADB director for the Philippines, Neeraj Jain, said poor infrastructure is the top constraint on the country's economy, which shrank 2.3 percent in the first quarter of this

year from the previous quarter.

Jain said Thursday that the government should spend on infrastructure and social services to sustain growth in the medium term, and institute measures that will boost state revenues such as more efficient tax collection.

Economic Secretary Ralph Recto has predicted gross domestic product will expand by 0.8 percent to 1.8 percent this year, compared to last year's

growth of 3.8 percent.

Jain said the Philippine economy could still expand this year, driven by continuing growth in remittances by 10 million Filipinos working overseas, improvements in business confidence and a turnaround in key exports.

Depending on the situation, the Manila-based lender could provide an additional \$2 billion to \$3 billion between 2010 and 2012, Jain said.

a trial by publicity," he said.

Sheryl could not even get up from her seat after the announcement of the life sentence and was covering her face. She was sobbing long after the court session had adjourned.

"I wish they knew the truth. I'm not supposed to be here. I had nothing to do with what they charged me of," she said in an interview.

Judge Borreta ordered the immediate imprisonment of the convicts at the National Bilibid Prisons in Muntinlupa City.

The judge also ordered that all the drugs, money and assets seized by the police task force in connection with the case be turned over to the Philippine

Drug Enforcement Agency for proper disposition.

## Testimony credible, convincing

Boratong's conviction, Borreta said in an interview, rested mainly on the testimony of primary witness Palao, which was also corroborated by other witnesses presented by the prosecuting lawyers.

In his decision, the judge said Palao's testimony was "straightforward, clear, convincing and credible."

Palao was able to detail how Boratong "procured shabu from his suppliers and how the shabu was actually delivered by the suppliers of Boratong; how the

drugs were weighed, repacked and how the shabu was distributed to the 'sistemadores' or the pushers who sold them wholesale or retail in the shanties located inside the compound," the decision said.

The primary witness also showed the court how the proceeds were collected from the pushers and how these were deposited by Boratong in a bank.

The court also took into account the fact that Boratong was also proven to be the owner of the 2,000-square-meter Mapayapa Compound.

In his defense, Boratong claimed that while he owned the compound, he had nothing to do with the drug operations there.

## TAKE CHARGE

### Someone stole my money using my ATM

*Editor's Note: This is part of Take Charge of Your Money, a partnership between INQUIRER.net and Citibank to help readers handle their personal finances well.*

**Question: I just discovered that money has disappeared from my ATM account last month. Someone withdrew cash using my ATM card without my knowledge. I can't find my ATM card too. Can I still get my cash back? – Tony**

**Answer:** For years, unscrupulous people have been victimizing unsuspecting people through various means: stealing their credit cards and ATM cards and performing unauthorized charges and withdrawals; and stealing their identity so they can get access to their credit and bank accounts. This happens not just in our country, but in many countries the world over.

As soon as you discover the loss of your ATM card, the first thing you must do is call your bank (use their hotline number) and report its loss. Inform the hotline how and when you noticed that your ATM card is missing, and mention that you have discovered that money has been withdrawn without your knowledge.

According to Use Credit Wisely, a publication of Citibank, "If someone steals your ATM card and uses it, you could be responsible for the entire loss, depending on when you reported the theft. If you report the card missing before it is used, some banks will not hold you responsible for unauthorized withdrawals."

This is why it is very important to inform your bank right away the moment you think your ATM card is missing. The bank will immediately put a hold on your account so that no further unauthorized withdrawals or purchases (ATM cards may also be used as debit cards at point-of-sale terminals) may be made. They will also investigate the matter and inform you when and where the card was used.

Try to recall when you last used the card, and where you placed it after. It is possible that a thief took it and used it, or cloned it so that he can use it even after you "find" your ATM card again (the thief may "return" your ATM card after cloning it). Contact the police so they may investigate and hopefully identify the thief. You can then press charges and demand that your money be returned.

Check your bank statement even after you have reported the loss of your ATM card. If there is a new suspicious transaction, contact your bank immediately.

As soon as possible, go to your bank branch and request for a new card to be issued to you.

Here are some tips to ensure that your ATM card remains safe, as shared in Use Credit

Wisely: 1. Make sure that the personal identification number (PIN) you choose is a strong one—it should not be your phone number, home address, or your birthday, as unscrupulous people may determine your PIN right away and use your card. 2. Don't write your PIN down on a deposit slip, envelope, postcard, or on anything you can keep in your wallet. Memorize it instead. According to Use Credit Wisely, "In a third of all ATM card frauds, the PIN was on the card or in the wallet." 3. Check all ATM receipts against bank statements. 4. Never lend your cards to anyone or leave cards or receipts lying around in the house. It may also be a good idea to periodically change your PIN over time. Also, make it a habit to review your bank statement online as this will give you a report of your account activity with just the click of your mouse. If you are not enrolled yet in the online facility of your bank, do so. You will not only be able to check your account from the comfort of your home or office, you will also be able to do other banking transactions such as paying your bills wherever you may be. The same goes for phone banking. Enroll your account in the phone banking facility so you can access your account via a landline or mobile phone.

If you are going to change addresses soon, inform your bank right away. Give your bank your new contact information so account statements may be delivered to the right address.

Shred your ATM receipts as soon as you get your bank statement and you have confirmed that the transactions you made have been reflected on the statement. Keep bank statements for two to three years, then shred them—not just throw them whole straight in the trash.

Always have your bank's 24-hour hotline number saved on your contacts list on your cell phone, or written down in your planner or address book. Report lost cards immediately, whether you are in the country or abroad.

Safeguarding your ATM card is very important in this day and age. Take steps to do so.

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# Maharlika – PinoyStyle

## Gabby wants to be 'father of the bride'

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Gabby Concepcion is clueless about his movie with his daughter KC. "Honestly, wala pang sinasabi sa akin ang Channel 2 [Channel 2 hasn't told me anything]," Gabby clarifies. "But if ever meron nga talaga, sana [If ever there is, I hope] it would be a la 'Father of the Bride.'"

Who would he want to be KC's leading man? "John Lloyd if papayag si Ruffa [if Ruffa agrees] (laughter)."

Why not Piolo Pascual who's said to be ardently pursuing KC? "They have a teleserye na so give a chance naman to Lloydie. Mabait na bata. Nagkasama kami sa show in Europe [He's a good boy. We were together in a show in Europe]."

Is he ready to be a father of the bride in real life? "If and when KC wants to get married, that's her call."

For better or for worse, Gabby and KC will stick together for good.

### Reconciliation

Phoemela Baranda and Bamboo lead guitarist Ira Cruz have reconciled. "I can't count how many times we've cooled off," says Phoem. "We've been together for five years. Giving each other space makes us realize how important each other is. He's super sweet now. I see his effort so it's worth another try."

Love is lovelier the nth time around!

### Twin role

Eugene Domingo is so excited about her launching movie "Kimidora" where she portrays twins.

"Dual role kasi cost cutting," Uge said, chuckling. "Kilig ako kasi may kissing scene ako with DingdongDantes!"

I teased her. "Taray mo! The producer of your movie is Piolo Pascual and your leading man is Dong. Don't you have hidden desires for them?" She burst into laughter and said, "Inalis ko na agad ang mga lihim na pagnanasa kasi alam ko naman walang mararatang." As for Uge, malayo na ang kaniyang narating!

### Proud mama

Pops Fernandez is one proud mama. "I'm almost done raising Robin and Ram," she beamed. "High school graduates na sila pareho. After college, they're off to live their dreams."

But the work of mothers is never really done. I teased Pipay. "What about being a wife or a GF? Are you done with that?"

We both had a good laugh because we're both on the same boat in the sea of love.

### Fresh twist

Carla Abellana is out to captivate viewers' hearts in "Rosalinda," which premieres Monday night on GMA 7's Teleabad block. She will give a fresh

twist to the character originally played by Thalia. Doesn't she feel pressured that it's too much too soon? "I was surprised to be chosen to portray the lead role na agad [so soon]," she exclaims. "I know there are others who are more deserving. I'm sure their time will come, too. They just have to work hard for it."

Isn't she wary that some stars might be envious of her because they've been waiting for a big break and here she comes being launched to full stardom right away? "They have nothing to be insecure or envious about," she says. "I look up to all of them." Ahh! Living la vida linda a la Carla!

### MJ marathon

Since I can't go to the wake of my forever idol, Michael Jackson, I do my own vigil by having an MJ video/CD marathon nightly. My insomnia has turned into MJmania.

Ai Ai de las Alas cheered me up. "Kung ako ikaw, punta ako sa wake. Mag pearls ka at black veil at big shades. Itsura ng [looks like] grieving widow," she said in jest. "Magpanggap ka na ikaw ang surrogate mother ng third child ni MJ kasi unknown till now identity nun, 'di ba? [Pretend you're the surrogate mother of MJ's third child. Her identity is not known until now, right?]"

That totally cracked me up. Then Ai turned serious. "Kainis kasi si Alma Moreno nung nag concert si MJ dito. Kung pinapasok niya tayo backstage nung nag-rehearse kids natin with MJ eh di sana may pic tayo with him. Buti pa si IC may pic. If di lang ako naasar kay Alma nun, kasali pa sana si Sancho ko at

may pic din sana siya with MJ. [Alma Moreno is irritating, when MJ had a concert her. If she let us in backstage when our kids were rehearsing with MJ, we could have had a picture with him, not just IC. If I were not at odds with Alma back then, Sancho would have been there and he must have had a picture with MJ]."

The King of Pop can never really be gone. His timeless hits will forever be No. 1!

### Beloved 'boys'

The two beloved "boys" in my life, Boy Abunda and Boy So, have ventured into movie production via "Astig." A full-length feature digital movie that will compete at the 2009 Cinemalaya Film Festival, the movie is top-billed by Dennis Trillo, Edgar Allan Guzman, Arnold Reyes and Sid Lucero.

It's an episodic tale of four young men trying to survive the sexual squallor, seductive filth and emotional perversity of Manila. It premieres on July 18, 9 p.m., with gala screening on July 23, 6:15 p.m. at the Cultural Center of the Philippines Main Theater. There will also be screenings in various CCP venues on July 19, 21, 22, 24 and 25.

"Astig" is bound to be something big!

## Will Mel attend Korina and Mar's wedding?

By BAYANI SAN DIEGO JR.  
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

**CEBU CITY, Philippines**—Will GMA 7 news anchor Mel Tiangco attend the wedding of ABS-CBN news anchor Korina Sanchez and Sen. Mar Roxas, whether as a personal guest or as a broadcast journalist covering an event?

"Well, that depends on whether we are invited," she quipped. "For one thing, I'm not going to gate-crash."

She hastened to add, however, that she hopes "24 Oras," the nightly news program she co-anchors with Mike Enriquez, would get the chance to cover the "happy occasion."

"It's a big news event. It wouldn't be right to ignore it. But it really depends on whether the other station would allow us," she said.

On a personal note, she said that she has nothing but good wishes for her former ABS-CBN colleague. (Tiangco worked in ABS-CBN before moving to GMA 7.)

"I'm happy for Korina," Tiangco noted. "It's such a happy affair for all of us. We should celebrate the fact that two people who are in love will finally start a life together."

She said that Roxas is a perfect match for Sanchez.

"She's a strong woman and she

needs a strong man like the senator," Tiangco said.

In the same vein, does she see herself finding her own perfect match someday?

"It would be interesting to find a man who's successful in his field as well," she exclaimed. "But I am not looking."



GMA 7 news anchor Mel Tiangco

## Goma waives fee for digital movie

By BAYANI SAN DIEGO JR.  
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**MANILA, Philippines**—Actor Richard Gomez makes his first full-length digital movie in Mel Chionglo's "Bente," the sixth and last of a series from the Sine Direk series.

Goma, as the actor is known in show biz circles, said it was the screenplay by Ricky Lee that spelled the difference for him.

In the political thriller, Goma plays a conflicted hit man who discovers that his wife (Iza Calzado) is cheating on him.

"Direk Mel made me read the script," he recalls. "It was such a well-crafted material that it would be a mistake to refuse it."

He explains that tackling gritty roles (like in Chito Roño's "Dahas" and Ishmael Bernal's "Waiting") have yielded positive results for him in the past. "I prefer playing dark characters."

He relates that an indie movie is worlds away from a mainstream production.

"The working environment is totally different," he says. "You don't have the grandeur of a mainstream movie. The food, location and expenses are scaled down. You're working on a budget."

Goma waived his talent fee for this film.



Actor Richard Gomez

"I didn't charge anything," he notes. "I really wanted to experience doing an indie film and it's my way of helping the sinking movie industry. If we don't do anything, nothing will happen."

Goma, who's now preparing for his second run as host of GMA 7's "Family Feud," hopes to direct a digital movie someday.

"Considering our country's political situation, it will be significant to tell the story of two soldiers: One idealistic and another one corrupt."

"Bente," which opens July 8, will face stiff competition from Hollywood blockbusters like "Transformers 2" and "Ice Age 3" in cineplexes.

"It's difficult to come close to these

Tiangco set very high standards for a possible mate. "He should be strong-willed and he should really love me because my work is quite demanding. If the man is weak, it won't be a happy and stable relationship. He should be very secure in himself."

Tiangco was recently in Cebu to spearhead the GMA Kapuso Foundation's education campaign.

"We distributed school supplies and bags to 10 different schools," Tiangco said.

Tiangco, as executive vice president of the GMA Kapuso Foundation, has gone as far north as Apayao and as far south as Tawi-Tawi in pursuing the network's various advocacies.

"I've had countless memorable experiences on the road, but two that stand out are the disaster relief efforts—like the landslide in Southern Leyte where 3,000 people died, and another calamity in Quezon Province where the mud was waist-deep," she recounted.

Those two trips were unforgettable, she said, "because I witnessed, with my own eyes, our countrymen's suffering."

Her work with the foundation enriches her, both professionally and personally, she said. "It strengthens your commitment to serve the public and, on a personal level, it magnifies your blessings a thousand-fold, while giving you inspiration at the same time."

giant productions," he owns up. "But on a positive note it will be the only Tagalog movie showing at the same time. Getting the spill-over crowd, the avid Filipino moviegoers, from these movies should be sufficient for now. What is important is that 'Bente' promises to give the audience their money's worth."

Goma got his late manager Douglas Quijano's blessing in going indie for the first time. (He guested in Peque Gallaga's "Pinoy Blonde" in 2005.)

"I told Tito Dougs that I really wanted to do this film," he recounts. He says that he and wife Lucy have yet to find a replacement for Quijano who died last month.

"Anjo Yllana is now with Tita Malou Choa-Fagar; Gelli de Belen, with Boy Abunda; and Wendell Ramos, with Wyngard Tracy," he relates. "But Joey Marquez, Antonio Aquitania, John Estrada and I haven't found a manager yet. We are just letting the days pass. Maybe after Tito Dougs' 40th day (end of July), we'll start thinking about it."

Former "Palibhasa Lalake" director Johnny Manahan was mentioned as possible manager for Goma.

"Mr. M is a good choice. We hope that he could handle all of us who haven't found a manager yet—especially the newer ones like Jay Aquitania, Ryan Yllana and Tyrone Perez ... So that we can request for them to be included in our projects as well."



# Maharlika – Opinyon

## Visions and revisions

Imelda Marcos turned 80 last week and was as Imeldific as ever. The Filipino who gained worldwide renown for profligacy over and beyond the call of duty, or the capacity of her impoverished country to afford, symbolized above all by the collection of a couple of thousand pairs of shoes, which should fetch a fortune at an auction, looked, well, the word is “well-preserved.” Aided by good genes and a good amount of loot—the latter being known to do a better job of preserving—she had managed to defy the ravages of age and disease, regaling the world with song and a feast full of epicurean delights. Imeldific to the last, and we haven’t seen the last.

The country’s glitterati were there, many of them former Marcos officials and cronies who no longer needed to hide their faces in shame but could flaunt themselves openly in no small act of defiance. Gone was the opprobrium that had attached to Imelda. A new generation had been born, most of whose members little knew or cared about martial law. Indeed an old generation had been re-born that thought nothing, or thought only good thoughts, of martial law.

It wasn’t only that many of Imelda’s guests no longer needed to hide themselves in shame, it was that they could take on airs of being vindi-

cated. It was that they could say, “It was never this bad in our time,” and conjure, with violin and orange juice (there was no wine), and through the haze of romantic revisionism, the good ol’ days.

“Many people,” said one grandchild, “still think our grandmother is crazy or bad. If you only knew how malambing and loving and generous she is to her whole family and our country.” You can’t get more revisionist than that. It did not occur to them that the very Imeldific-ness of the celebration was proof of the pillage she had been indicted for by the courts, local and foreign, but was found, for lack of proof, innocent of.

How Imelda managed to turn herself from the woman this country loved to deride to one this country is prepared to abide offers no small insights into our culture. Forgetfulness has little to do with it. Or it has to do with it only in ways that go beyond our usual understanding of it.

What has made us forget so easily the infamy of the past is the infamy of the present. What has made us forget so easily the corruption of the past is the corruption of the present. Nothing buries past pillage more thoroughly than the pillage of the present. I leave others to compare the scale of pillage wrought by the Marcos and Arroyo regimes. I myself think the Marcos loot was bigger, though not by a wide margin. The pillage of the present will always be a beam of light trained at center stage, rendering everything behind it and around it dark and invisible. That is so particularly where the pillage of the present is comparable to that of the past, which the Arroyo regime’s is—it rivals the thievery of martial law in brazenness, apart from scale—making it a blinding light that makes everything behind it and around it pitch black.

I’ve always said that what rehabilitated the Marcos henchmen was not so much what they did but what their successors did. Which is that they did no better. They stole just as well, though to varying degrees. Today, they kill just as well.

It’s human nature: Present pains make past ones look benign by comparison.

Just as well, what has made us forget so easily the pillage of the past is that, well, I’ve always wondered if we truly had any real concept of

pillage. Or if we truly attributed any deeply reprehensible thing to it. Balzac once said that behind every great wealth is a great crime. I don’t know that that applies to us simply because I don’t know that we are able to see the crime as a crime. Of course, we frown on corruption in public, and condemn it in the harshest terms. But we accept it in private, preferring the most corrupt politicians to be the godfathers and godmothers of our children in baptisms and weddings in lieu of honest (and therefore impoverished) school teachers.

The way things are, we seem more bothered by the way the pillage is used than the pillage itself. Or by the personality of the pillagers rather than the pillage itself. You’re Imelda, your extravagance can be projected as paglalambing to the country. You’re Gloria, you are cursed.

Finally, Imelda’s rehabilitation, or laundering, gives you whole new insights into the reality, or ferocity, of “personality politics.” Well into the 21st century, we remain mired in it. Others call it a feudal culture, others a culture of patronage, others a family-based culture. Whatever it is, it is a system or order where principles, convictions, and historical judgments do not really matter or are easily swept aside. History itself may be rewritten to provide a different judgment: That is what biographers are for. It is a system where blood is thicker than water, friendship is more valuable than belief, being beholden is more

binding than moral imperative. It is a system where personal relations, and not abstract rules, hold sway.

That is what makes it the hardest thing in the world to have real political parties. That is what makes it the hardest thing in the world to enforce the law. That is what makes it the hardest thing in the world to sustain opprobrium, particularly where its object is personable. (Which is the reason why Arroyo will probably not enjoy Imelda’s fate; she is not.) Those who suffered grievously during martial law will continue to recall how Imelda and her husband strung barbed wires across the country and tortured prisoners. Most others will not. They will only recall, along with David Letterman and Jay Leno, that she owned far more shoes than she could have worn.

Or trample the country with.

## EDITORIAL

### The usual victims

When it comes to the latest series of bomb blasts and attempted bombings, there is no shortage of possible suspects. And they are all the usual ones. But no one should doubt who the victims are: these too are the usual ones—the poor and the vulnerable.

The decision of the United Nations to suspend the distribution of food aid to refugees displaced by ongoing fighting in parts of Mindanao is a painful case in point. Over half a million people, displaced since fighting erupted again last August, after the Supreme Court stopped the signing of the proposed Memorandum of Agreement on ancestral domain between the government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, have benefited from the distribution of some 13,000 tons of food supplies. But this lifeline has been suspended, as the UN’s World Food Program moves to protect its staff who work in Cotabato and Iligan cities.

The suspension must have been a difficult decision to make, but it is an easy one to understand. The WFP must do all it can to ensure the safety of its staff. “The UN in particular is very concerned about staff safety, so we decided to suspend our activities during this week to enable us to understand better the reasons behind these problems,” Alghassim Wurie, WFP’s acting director for the Philippines, told the Associated Press.

But however temporary it may turn out to be, the suspension will immediately have an adverse impact on the very people who need all the help they can get: Mindanao’s internal refugees. WFP estimates that as many as 348,000 displaced villagers are still living in refugee centers or staying with relatives.

The direct victims of the bombings also form part of that unfortunate category of the poor and vulnerable: commuters, sidewalk vendors, pedestrians. And the last time a major terrorist attack occurred in Metro Manila, the victims were ordinary commuters on the LRT.

It has ever been thus: The ordinary “tao” (people) pays the ultimate price, whenever adventurists in government or extremists in the hills resort to violence.

### Unusual statements

The explanations that issued from the mouth of the military general responsible for the National Capital Region, about the current level of terrorist threats in Metro Manila in the wake of the deadly bombings in parts of Mindanao, did not clarify matters. Instead, they left the public mystified.

First, Maj. Gen. Jogy Leo Fojas said the military was on top of the situation. “We’re monitoring them closely ... We will not give them the opportunity to do it here.”

What did he mean by “monitor,” exactly? That the military was tracking them? In that case, why not arrest the suspected bombers already?

Also, Fojas said the military knew where the suspected bombers were. The Inquirer reported: “Fojas said security forces had already identified the hiding places of the suspects. He would not divulge their location, saying it might compromise military operations.”

It’s possible Fojas was talking through his hat, affecting an air of bravado to counter both public indignation about the bombings and public skepticism about the purpose of the bombers. In that case, he should keep his hat on, and his lips sealed.

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### There's The Rub

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## Sulipan hospitality

Travelers in the 19th-century Philippines who had the time to venture outside the walls of Intramuros or Spanish Manila were brought south to see Taal volcano and the majestic falls near Majayjay, Laguna. There were no hotels in those days, so travelers camped out either in the municipio, or the house of prominent citizens, or even the church. It is said that churches and towns were often built one day’s walk from each other, thus hospitality for travelers was a necessity not a virtue.

VIPs who explored the towns north of Manila were often feted in Sulipan, now a forgotten Pampanga town that was the venue for glittering parties at the height of Filipino hospitality in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Among the relics of that vanished age is a monogrammed table service “china, crystal, and silver flatware” part of which was a gift from Russian Grand Duke Alexis who had enjoyed the hospitality of the Arnedos of Sulipan.

The last time I saw this table service in use was in the home of the late Brother Andrew Gonzales, FSC who served as president of De La Salle University and later secretary of education during the Estrada administration. Brother Andrew had inherited part of the set and slowly bought the rest from assorted relatives to complete a table service on which to serve food from recipes passed down from the past. Dinners at Bro Andrew’s family mansion in Quezon City were memorable for the food, the company, and his wicked wit.

Both Sulipan and Brother Andrew may be history, but the heirloom recipes have been preserved and kitchen-tested by Gene R. Gonzalez in his book “Cocina Sulipena: Culinary Gems from old Pampanga” (Bookmark, 1993).

Sulipan is not even on the map today but it was located somewhere around the Rio Grande de Pampanga, in the vicinity of present-day Calumpit, Bulacan, and Apalit, Pampanga. If you take the North Luzon Expressway or NLEX, the joke is that the viaduct there is the longest in the Philippines because at one point in Tagalog-speaking Bulacan you start with an “itlog” (egg) but by the time you reach the other end in Pampanga the same egg will then be an “ebun.” Ebun is egg in Kapampangan but ibon is bird in Tagalog.

The Sulipan table service came to mind after I read about President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo’s recent trip to Russia because in Frederick Sawyer’s “The Inhabitants of the Philippines” (1900) he recounted:

“A ball at a big Pampanga house is a sight that will be remembered. Capitan Joaquin Arnedo Cruz of Sulipan, on the Rio Grande, a wealthy native sugar planter, used to assemble in his fine house the principal people of the neighborhood to meet roy-

al and distinguished guests. Capitan Joaquin possessed a magnificent porcelain service of two hundred pieces specially made and marked with his monogram, sent him by a prince who had enjoyed his hospitality. He gave a ball for the Grand Duke Alexis of Russia, who afterwards declared that the room presented one of the most brilliant he had ever seen. This from the son of an emperor might seem an exaggeration, but ‘brilliant’ is the only word that can describe the effect produced on the spectator by the bright costumes and sparkling jewelry of the women.”

While re-reading the accounts of the balls and parties thrown in the Arnedo home in Sulipan, I remembered the great ball in Malolos in September 1898, when the founding father’s ratified the June 12, 1898 Declaration of Independence from Spain.

To celebrate, they seem to have had a special breakfast, lunch and dinner menu prepared, of which we have copies of the lunch and dinner in French! Arnedo probably lent his personal cook to help out in that great Malolos banquet that Nick Joaquin says we should remember alongside the Malolos Constitution because these two documents represent the Philippines’ coming of age between two empires, Spain and the United States. Arnedo also must have lent

this now legendary table service for use during the Malolos banquet of 1898.

Another relic awaiting validation is a long mahogany table now in the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas that is said to have been used in Barasoain when the Malolos Congress was in session.

One can only imagine what it would be to re-create the Malolos banquet based on the menu and serve it on this historic Bangko Sentral table using the Sulipan table service. Now that would truly be a historic experience.

What made the Sulipan hospitality legendary was the oral lore, recorded in the memoirs of Victor Buencamino, that says that Arnedo’s ultimate gesture of hospitality was not to allow other guests to use china, flatware, crystal, and linen that had already been used by a distinguished guest. Each VIP required a new set, or so we are told, because Capitan Joaquin after a dinner hosted for visiting Japanese royalty had all these things thrown out the window into the nearby river!

Now that is real panache, except that the VIP guest did not realize that the household staff were conveniently “fishing” and “washing” by the river. Perhaps fish nets were installed under the water to catch these items, to be fished out semi-clean when the impressed guest had left. If there is one thing that one can conclude about the Sulipan hospitality it is that they had real style then.

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### Looking Back

By AMBETH OCAMPO  
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER



# Maharlika – Samu’t Sari



**WINE RALLY**

Marianas Resort and Spa and Fiesta Resort and Spa personnel have their picture taken during Thursday night’s Wine Rally sponsored by Pacific Wines and Spirits at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan.

JAYVEE VALLEJERA



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Marianas Resort and Spa personnel enjoy themselves during Thursday night’s Wine Rally held at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan. The event was sponsored by Pacific Wines and Spirits.



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Staff and personnel of Aqua Resort Club pose for the *Saipan Tribune* at the Wine Rally.



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Wait staff of the Pacific Islands Club pose for a picture during the Wine Rally.



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Vicky Benavente, second from left, joins other staff and personnel of Pacific Islands Club during the PWS Wine Rally held Thursday night at the Fiesta Resort and Spa.



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Aqua Resort Club staff and personnel think of the answers during the Trivia Game held at Thursday night’s Wine Rally at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan.

Guests pose for the camera during Thursday night’s Wine Rally at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan. The event was sponsored by Pacific Wines and Spirits.

JAYVEE VALLEJERA



**BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT**

Happy birthday greetings to Robert (“Mr. Wonderful”), who is celebrating his birthday today. Greetings come from “Mrs. Wonderful.”

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Fiesta Resort and Spa personnel pose for the *Saipan Tribune* during Thursday night’s Wine Rally. The event was sponsored by Pacific Wines and Spirits.

JAYVEE VALLEJERA



## Young Style

# Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood says safe travel is top goal

By VALERIE STRAUSS  
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WASHINGTON—Most kids probably don't spend a lot of time thinking about the planes, trains, boats and automobiles that they take to go on summer vacation with their families. But there is a man in the nation's capital whose job it is to think about transportation all the time.

Ray LaHood is the secretary of transportation, selected by President Obama to make sure Americans have safe and reliable ways to travel.



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Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, shown in his Washington office, is one of two Republicans in President Barack Obama's Cabinet. Before he became secretary, LaHood, from Illinois, was a U.S. representative.

The 63-year-old father of four and grandfather of four is Obama's top adviser on transportation and also one of two Republicans in Obama's Cabinet. (The other is Defense Secretary Robert Gates.)

LaHood was born and raised in Peoria, Ill., and went to school there, too. He was not a very good student, he said, not

even when he went to first a junior college and then Bradley University in Peoria. He said he had to take biology three times before he passed the class!

"I'm not that smart," he said. "I was an average student."

For years LaHood taught social studies to junior high students, developing an interest in politics. He decided to change careers and worked for nearly 20 years as a staff member to two congressmen. He then ran for Congress himself and served 14 years in the House of Representatives, earning a reputation for working with Republicans and Democrats.

"I ran because I think you can make a difference as a congressman," he said.

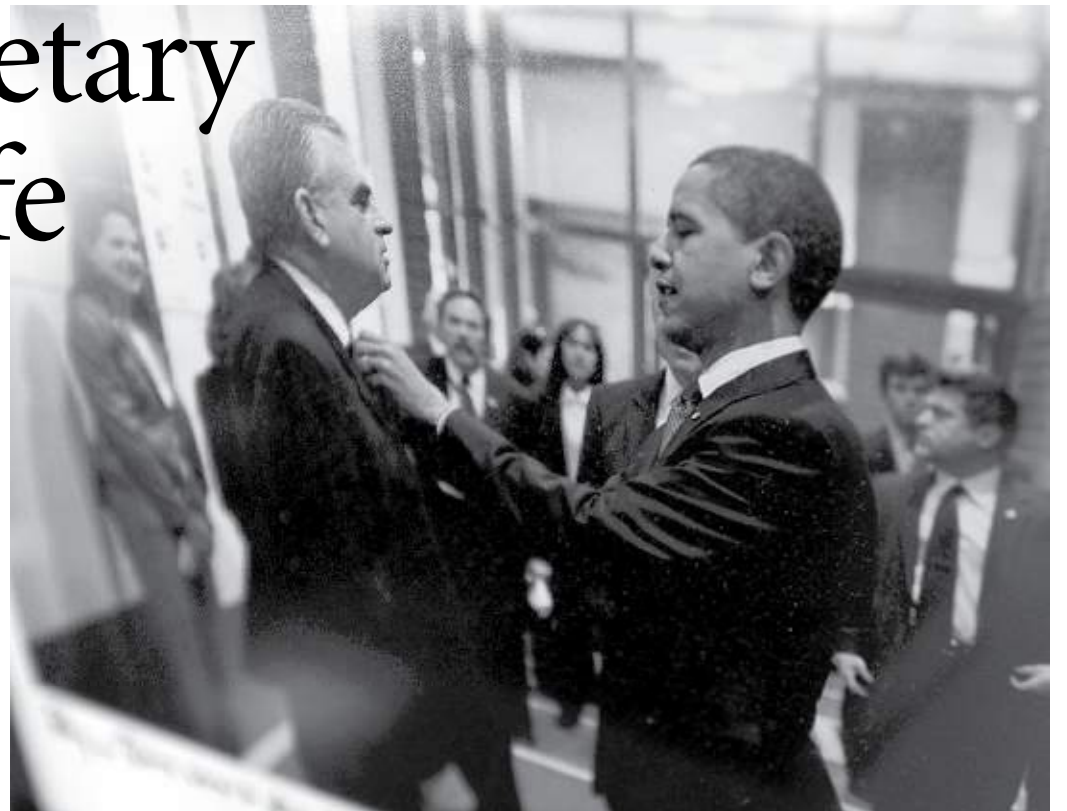
LaHood met Obama when he was in the House and Obama was a U.S. senator from Illinois, and both worked on transportation issues. About six months before November's election, Obama, a Democrat, told him that he wanted to include Republicans in his administration.

But LaHood said he really didn't think that Obama meant he might like to include him in his administration. In fact, LaHood supported the Republican candidate for president, Sen. John McCain of Arizona.

But when Obama asked LaHood to join his Cabinet, LaHood was delighted to become transportation secretary.

Transportation affects every single kid and adult in the country. Every day millions of people depend on the U.S. transportation system to go to work and to school, to ship goods and to link different regions of the country.

LaHood's days are very busy, starting early in the morning when he reads about eight newspapers on the Internet



THE WASHINGTON POST

A photo in Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood's office shows President Barack Obama straightening his new Cabinet secretary's tie. LaHood met Obama when he was in the House of Representatives and Obama was a senator; both represented the state of Illinois.

(though he and his wife have a subscription to The Washington Post). About three or four times a week, he walks on a treadmill in the House of Representatives gym, sometimes starting as early as 6 a.m. His meetings start about 8 a.m., and he keeps working—with

meetings, speeches and more meetings—until about 6 p.m. or 7 p.m., when he goes home.

His most important job, he said, is "making sure that when people use any form of transportation, that it is safe."

His appointment by Obama, he said, shows how important it

is to be open-minded.

"In life, being able to get along with people of different points of view and philosophy is the only way to achieve your goals," LaHood said. "You have to be willing to work with people who don't agree with you."

### US TRANSPORTATION FACT

There are just under 4 million miles of public roads in the United States.

## Meet Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation

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**Born:** Peoria, Illinois

**College:** Bradley University in Peoria

**Favorite pizza:** "I love pepperoni pizza!"

**Favorite ice cream:** Butter

pecan with hot fudge sauce

**Best subject in school:** History

**Worst subject in school:** Biology and math. "I was a pretty average student."

**Favorite book:** "Team of Rivals: The Political Genius

of Abraham Lincoln," by Doris Kearns Goodwin, and other Lincoln books.

**Favorite TV show:** "I only watch news."

**Favorite movie:** No favorite, but he avoids violent movies because his wife won't go.

## Summer Book Club: A daredevil who was ahead of her time

By MARGARET WEBB PRESSLER  
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"The Daring Nelly Bly: America's Star Reporter"

By Bonnie Christensen

Ages 5-9

35 pages, with pictures

If you've ever felt like doing something daring and adventurous that other people say you can't do, the story of Nellie Bly will give you a sense of all that is possible.

Bly was an adventure-seeking young woman in the late 1800s—a time when women were not encouraged to be adventure-seeking—who became a national sensation as a newspaper writer with columns on



subjects people had never read about. She went undercover in a horrible institution that held women who were considered crazy, and then she wrote about the awful conditions the patients were kept in. She later wrote several more stories uncovering unfair and illegal actions toward women, a style of story called an expose. She even took a solo

trip around the world in 72 days, carrying everything she needed in one small suitcase, and she wrote about that, too. Keep in mind there were no jet planes to get around in back then: It was all by ship and train!

Bly's own story is also compelling. When she was a child, her life was turned upside down after the death of her father, and even when she was an adult her financial and ro-

mantic circumstances changed many times. After inheriting her husband's business, she became an inventor and won

### NELLIE BLY FACT

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Nellie Bly was so famous in the late 1800s that her picture was on board games and in advertisements.

## You might also like ...

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If you like the story of Nellie Bly, you might also enjoy the tale of another courageous young woman. In "Red Scarf Girl," author Ji-Li Jiang tells of her life as a 12-year-old during a very difficult and dangerous time in China about 40 years ago, during a period called the Cultural Revolution. It's a frightening story of uncertainty and fear, but also one of strength, love and escape.

25 patents for her designs.

Even by current standards, Bly's accomplishments would be considered great, but that

she did these things so long ago makes her life story an amazing lesson in courage and perseverance.

## Read about it, then do it

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If the daring exploits of Nellie Bly fascinate you, you can learn more about brave, adventure-some and truth-seeking journalists at the Newseum, the Washington museum dedicated to the news. It's a fun place to see that day's newspapers from all over the country and the world. You also can play interactive video games about journalism ethics and make your own "news" video.

But if you want to know more about the conditions Nellie Bly encountered, don't miss "I-Witness: A 4-D Time Travel Adventure." The movie, which is included in the price of mu-


seum admission, introduces you to great reporters, including Edward R. Murrow covering World War II and Bly going undercover in that insane asylum. (The special effects are awesome; just try not to squeal when you sense the mouse scurrying past your feet!) The museum and the film are best for kids ages 10 and older.

The Newseum is at 555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW. It's open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to the museum is \$20 for adults, \$13 for kids ages 7-13 (kids younger than 7 are free). The museum's Web site is [www.newseum.org](http://www.newseum.org), or you can call 888-NEWSEUM.



### RIDDLE CARD


- What animal doesn't play fair?
- When is a door not a door?
- When do you have four hands?
- If two's company and three's a crowd, what are four and five?
- Why is a baseball team like a cake?



Answers: 1. A cheetah (cheater). 2. When it's ajar. 3. When you double your fists. 4. Nine. 5. They both need a good batter.

### MONEY MADNESS!

Spike is holding a coin in his hand that, if you take away half of its value, it will double in value. What is the coin?



Answer: A half-dollar (the "value" of the coin). If you take away the "half," you will be left with a "dollar."

### LINK-UPS!

Here's a list of 12 short words, divided into two columns. Turn them into six longer words by linking them together. To do this, draw a line from one word in the left column to one word in the right.

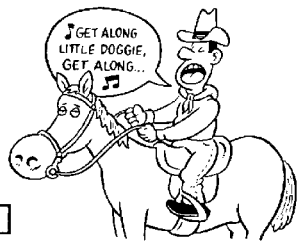
1. KNEE	10. ION
2. IMP	11. PIER
3. SEA	12. ICES
4. NIP	13. LORE
5. OFF	14. RING
6. PENS	15. LED

Answers: Kneeled, Implore, Searing, Nipper, Offices, Pension.

### Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

DON'T "GET" CAUGHT SOLVING THIS ONE!



Illustrated by David Coulson

Above is a puzzle grid of eight words, each of which contains the word "get." Using the following hints, see if you can figure out what these words are:

- An outfit or costume.
- A tricky device.
- A desired goal.
- A solid lump.
- A spending plan.
- Nervous behavior.
- A vacation spot.
- To do nothing.

Answers: 1. Getup. 2. Gadget. 3. Target. 4. Nugget. 5. Budget. 6. Fidget. 7. Getaway. 8. Vegetate.

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# Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was comedian and TV host Jay Leno who made the following sage observation: "Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will eat for a lifetime. Teach a man to create an artificial shortage of fish and he will eat steak."
- Those who keep track of such things say that the most popular name for pet pythons is, perhaps unsurprisingly, "Monty."
- You've probably heard of haggis, the Scottish dish that is considered (by few, I imagine) to be a delicacy. Unless you're a Scot yourself, though, you probably don't know what's in it. Well, you may not thank me for enlightening you, but here's a rough description: Haggis consists of the lungs, heart and liver of a sheep, mixed with onions, suet, oatmeal and seasonings, then boiled inside the sheep's stomach.
- Fashion historians claim that England's Queen Elizabeth I owned 3,000 of the elaborate dresses popular during her time.
- If you're like the average American, there are approximately 10,000 words in your vocabulary.
- Without a bottle opener, a drunk homeless man in Belgrade, Serbia, was at a loss as to how to open his beer. So he hit upon the bright idea of using a hand grenade to pop the top. A live hand grenade, as it turned out. He popped his own top as well, dying in the incident. There's no word at hand to explain how he got the grenade to begin with.
- The Great Pyramid of Cheops in Egypt is so large that its base would cover 10 football fields.

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Thought for the Day: "The reason why so few good books are written is that so few people who can write know anything."—Walter Bagehot

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### MAGIC MAZE

— BRIDGE : UNITED STATES

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O N E T N O M E R F A M O L E  
K I E G R O G L A Y O R T H G

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Brooklyn	Green	Rainbow	Sunshine
Eads	London	Royal Gorge	Tobin
Fremont	McKinley	Seven Mile	Vicksburg
Golden Gate	Oakland Bay	Stone Arch	

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### GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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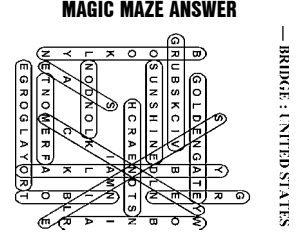
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### MAGIC MAZE ANSWER

— BRIDGE : UNITED STATES



GO FIGURE ANSWER

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# Traumatized kitten needs lots of love

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I recently adopted a stray cat. "Missy" is a year and a half old and weighed only five pounds when we got her. She was so thin we could feel all her little bones. She's received her shots, and once she has gained weight she will be spayed. My question is, Missy is a little snippy. She'll bite or scratch. Otherwise, she's a nice cat. How can I get her to stop the biting and scratching?—Sally S., York, N.Y.

**DEAR SALLY:** Missy's biting and scratching—usually when you reach out to pet her, I'm sure—is a legacy of her past. It's clear that she had a tough time and was very stressed out before you found her.

Right now, Missy is adjusting to a new life and a new role as a member of your family. That's a brand-new kind of stress. If Missy could talk, she might ask herself, who are these new "parents"? How will they treat me? When a hand reaches for me, what is going to happen?

For the next few months, avoid sudden moves around Missy as much as possible. When you reach out to pet her, play "meet me halfway": Hold your hand out several inches away from Missy and call to her. Most cats will approach,



sniff your hand and then rub their whiskers against it. From there, usually you can scratch Missy's ears.

To help ease her transition to her new life, talk to Missy's veterinarian about anti-anxiety medication. Herbal remedies are also available that might help. But mostly, continue to give her lots of love and time—two of nature's best medicines.

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# Volunteer service—family style

**W**hen the weekend arrives, Zoua and her 11-year-old son Nathaniel are on the move. A "Heart Walk" sponsored by the American Heart Association was a recent event on their calendar, and they wouldn't have missed it rain or shine.

Zoua, a health information service support representative at the St. Paul Heart Clinic in St. Paul, Minn., said that getting financial pledge support from family and friends before the event, and looking forward to a Saturday morning outdoors, shows her son that supporting a cause to help others is important. "Plus, it's lots of fun to be together," she says just before setting off on the trail along the Mississippi River. "We not only get exercise in the fresh air, but it's also a way for him to meet the people I work with everyday. The little things we do like this make me feel joyful as a mom."

Her comments weren't surprising. Raising a child to be a contributor to society and not merely a consumer can be a challenge in our culture, but when parents and other caring adults reach out with young kids to volunteer and give to their communities through organized "roll up your shirtsleeves projects," fundraising walks and bike rides or other events for charity, children develop gratitude for their own blessings while learning lessons in citizenship and compassion. And there's a bonus: It feels good!

We all know the importance of service to others and that in serving, we help make our community and our world a better place. But what do kids learn from the service that they do?

1. Children can be very egocen-



by Donna Erickson

tric and tend to act as if the world revolves around them. Volunteering can help them stretch and think about others rather than focus primarily on themselves.

2. The experience demonstrates to children that they can have an impact and make a difference in another person's life.

3. Through serving others, children often derive insight into some of the causes of other people's needs.

4. Service activities help children develop a giving heart. We serve others not because we are superior or better, but because we are fortunate to be able to serve.

Consider penciling in a "giving back" time to volunteer or participate in a fundraising activity your family can do right where you live during less-structured, longer summer days. It's not only good for others; it's good for you and your family, too!

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# Life & Style

## Jackson children were well prepared for spotlight

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Even Michael Jackson knew the masks and veils would have to come off one day.

After a lifetime of hiding from the media glare at the insistence of their impossibly famous father, Jackson's children are front and center. Though their inevitable debut came a way no one could have predicted, those close to Jackson and the family say his three kids may be better prepared for the onslaught of attention than anyone could expect.

"They are going to grow up in the limelight," said Al Malnik, a former Jackson financial adviser and friend, "but I think because they way that Michael has brought them up and that they have the capacity to deal with it."

They are also—for now at least—being cared for by Katherine Jackson, who has raised a whole family in the public eye.

"If anyone knew how to deal with the scrutiny and the whole culture of paparazzi, it was the Jacksons," said Rev. Al Sharpton, a confidant of the Jackson family. "It is not new to them."

The lives of Michael Jackson's children never qualified as normal. They had no mother, wore masks to conceal their faces and traveled the world while being raised by one of the planet's most famous figures.

But by all accounts from those who have watched and been close to the children, Prince Michael, 12, Paris-Michael Katherine, 11, and Blanket (Prince Michael II), 7, are not only normal, but model children: unaffected by fame, sweet, polite and very smart.

"Those kids are exceptionally bright. They really have the ca-



Prince Michael Jackson II center, youngest son of Michael Jackson, joins his brother and sister, Prince Michael and Paris Katherine, behind him, on stage at a public memorial service for the late King of Pop, held at Staples Center on Tuesday, July 7, 2009 in Los Angeles.

capacity and understanding," said Malnik of Jackson's kids, who were home-schooled.

Whether they will retain those qualities following the death of their father, a potential custody fight and the enormous media scrutiny that they have been placed remains to be seen. Already, they have been on the covers of magazines and tabloids, their images endlessly replayed on television—ABC this week devoted an entire hour in prime-time to an expose on their lives.

"Michael just having passed away, it's difficult enough to deal with privately, much less publicly and making statements about it," said Malnik.

But Sharpton says that Katherine

Jackson, 79, and the rest of the Jackson clan are working hard to provide some semblance of normalcy as they grieve.

"The kids are at the compound," said Sharpton of the Jacksons' Encino, Calif., home. "The days that I was there, they would play with their cousins and were very familiar with them and their aunts and uncles. ... That's the only family they knew."

Katherine Jackson, who Michael named as his choice of caretaker in case of his death, was named by a judge as the temporary guardian of Jackson's children, and they have been with her and the entire Jackson clan ever since his June 25 death. Their longtime nanny, Grace Rwamba, has also

been with the children, according to a source close to the family who is not authorized to speak for the family and requested anonymity.

While the Jackson family has long been perceived as dysfunctional—their battles have played out famously on the public stage—what struck many people at Jackson's memorial service on Tuesday was their display of unity.

Paris-Michael clutched grandmother Katherine during the service, while Prince Michael held onto his Aunt Janet as his sister made her tear-jerking testament of love about her father. Blanket hid behind a phalanx of Jacksons siblings onstage, and when Michael's brother Marlon broke down while addressing the Staples Center crowd, the entire Jackson family, including the children, embraced in one powerful group hug.

"The family is much closer than one wanted to perceive," said Sharpton, who acknowledged that Paris' speech was spontaneous. "People far overestimate and embellish any perceived differences in that family."

The public images of a Jackson family united in grief may help Katherine Jackson as she heads into Monday custodial hearing involving Mrs. Jackson and the biological mother of Jackson's two oldest children, Deborah Rowe. Rowe, who was previously married to Jackson, has not had a relationship with Prince or Paris-Michael, but since Jackson's death has expressed interest in raising not only her two biological children, but Blanket as well, to whom she has no relation (the mother of Blanket, born to a sur-

rogate, has never been revealed).

It is unclear if a custody battle will develop. Rowe's attorney said she has not decided if she plans to seek custody, and people close to interactions with both camps, who requested anonymity because of the sensitivity of the subject, said both sides have been gracious and cordial, not contentious.

Sharpton said the Jacksons haven't been anticipating a battle, but when asked about the best interests of the kids, said: "They ought to be around the people they are most familiar with. This is not the beginning of their relationship (with the Jacksons)."

Still, some have expressed concern that the Jackson's kids may suffer by being placed with their extended family. Michael's father Joe has been roundly criticized for promoting a record label on television in the days after his death, and Michael had long described

him as physically and emotionally abusive. Katherine's age has led to questions about her ability to look after adolescent children.

Dr. Arnold Klein, Jackson's longtime dermatologist and friend, told "Larry King Live" on Wednesday night he feared that the performing family might turn Jackson's kids into "The Jackson 3, their intelligence dancing away—because these children are bright."

But Sharpton dismissed the idea that the Jacksons would seek to exploit the children or take them on a path other than the one Michael Jackson had intended for them.

"For the life of me I don't now why people would assume based on no evidence at all why the Jacksons wouldn't have their own grandchildren and niece and nephews at heart," he said. "It is the most ridiculous notion I've heard."

## Pelosi shuts down resolution on Michael Jackson

WASHINGTON (AP)—House Speaker Nancy Pelosi shut the door Thursday to a resolution honoring Michael Jackson because debate on the symbolic measure could raise "contrary views" about the pop star's life.

Lawmakers are free to use House speeches "to express their sympathy or their praise any time that they wish," said Pelosi, D-Calif. "I don't think it's necessary for us to have a resolution."

A resolution sponsored by Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, cites some of the singer's charitable acts and proclaims him an American legend, musical icon and world humanitarian.

Even before Pelosi's comments, some Democrats said privately they did not support the resolution and a divisive debate would hurt House efforts to muster the votes for priorities such as health care and climate change.

Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., who posted a video on YouTube calling Michael Jackson a "pervert" and a "pedophile," has pledged to do all he could to block the resolution.

Michael Jackson was acquitted in 2005 of charges that he molested a 13-year-old boy. Those allegations, and his admission that children slept in his bed at his home but nothing sexual occurred, have led some members of Congress to put distance between themselves and any formal honor for the entertainer.

"A resolution, I think, would open up to contrary views to—that are not necessary at

this time to be expressed in association with a resolution whose purpose is quite different," Pelosi said at a Capitol Hill news conference where she discussed various legislative matters.

Unbowed, Jackson Lee said she will seek support from colleagues who thanked her when she introduced the measure June 26, one day after Michael Jackson died. She said honorary resolutions don't often "pass the next day."

"On this floor we elevate people and doing that we have to work to tell your story," she said after a House vote. But she would need support from Democratic leadership for the resolution to advance to the full House from the committee where it is now.

When members of the Congressional Black Caucus held a moment of silence in the House after Jackson died June 25, some lawmakers walked out of the chamber.

Jackson Lee has pledged that the resolution, now before the House Foreign Affairs Committee where she is a member, would come to the full House for debate. Such honorary measures normally move quickly from committee to the full House and pass on a voice vote.

But Jackson Lee's resolution was in trouble early. It drew only one co-sponsor, Rep. Diane Watson, D-Calif., and was not endorsed by other black caucus members.

From the stage at Jackson's memorial Tuesday at the Staples Center in Los Angeles, Jackson Lee hoisted a framed copy of the resolution.

## Death Announcement

### Vicente W. Kaipat

Was called to his eternal rest  
on July 4, 2009 at CHC

In his new life, he now joins his:

Father: +Isaac B. Kaipat

Mother In-Law: +Mariana R. Sablan

He is survived by:

Spouse: Leonila (Noning) S. Kaipat

Children & Grand children:

Sylvia & Pedro (Leilei)

Stacy & Eric (V.J., Danny & Keomi)

Vincent & Rita (Vinita)

Vanessa & Keoni

His remains will leave the hospital on Sunday, July 12, 2009 at 3:00p.m. and will be brought to their residence in Koberlville. Responso will be at 7:00p.m.

Burial Mass will be held on Monday, July 13, 2009 at 10:00a.m. at Saint Jude Church, followed by the burial at Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Please Join us in prayers  
Wife, Children and Family

Remembering you with love each day, although we are apart we are comforted by the knowledge that God has you in His keeping. We have you in our hearts.

## First Year Death Anniversary

We, the family of the late

### Daniel Duenas Babauta

Humbly invite our relatives and friends to join us in prayer as we commemorate the passing of our dearly beloved unto eternal life.

Mass of intention is being offered daily from July 11 to 19, 2009 at 6:00 a.m. at Kristo Rai Parish.

On Sunday, July 19, 2009, rosary will be prayed at 5:30 a.m. at Kristo Rai Parish followed by the Eucharistic Celebration at 6:00 a.m.

Your presence, thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Dangkulo na Si Yu'us Ma'ase

Remedios Q. Babauta, Children and Grandchildren



# Daniel Craig and Hugh Jackman set for Broadway



In this Feb. 8, 2009 file photo, British actor Daniel Craig arrives at the British Academy Film Awards 2009 at The Royal Opera House in London.

**NEW YORK (AP)**—James Bond and the Boy from Oz are coming to Broadway.

Daniel Craig, the latest

cinematic Bond, and Tony winner Hugh Jackman will star in "A Steady Rain," which opens Sept. 29 at the Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre. Previews begin Sept. 10 for a 12-week engagement.

"A Steady Rain"—Keith Huff's play about a pair of Chicago policemen—was a big hit in Chicago, where it received rave reviews two years ago.

Jackman won a Tony for his portrayal of Peter Allen in "The Boy From Oz." It will be Craig's Broadway debut.

## Michael Moore's new documentary gets a name

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Michael Moore's latest documentary now has a title—and a theme that resonates with recession-weary audiences.

Moore's look at the consequences of big business will be called "Capitalism: A Love Story." The documentary is due in theaters Oct. 2.

Distributor Overture Films said "Capitalism" examines the disastrous effects of corporate profiteering.

"It will be the perfect date movie," Moore said. "It's got it all—lust, passion, romance and 14,000 jobs being eliminated every day. It's a forbidden love, one that dare not speak its name. Heck, let's just say it: It's capitalism."

Moore got his start with the 1989 big-business documentary "Roger & Me," his portrait of the economic strife caused by General Motors job losses in his home town of Flint, Mich., and a chronicle of his quest for an audience with GM boss Roger Smith.

The filmmaker scored a \$100 million hit with 2004's "Fahrenheit 9/11," which centered on the Bush White House's actions after the Sept. 11 attacks. Moore won an Academy Award for his 2002 gun-control documentary "Bowling for Columbine."

## Billy Mays remains a TV pitchman, even in death



In this image released by Discovery Channel, the late TV pitchman Billy Mays is shown in Santa Monica, Calif., on Feb. 8, 2009.

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Death won't still the voice of Billy Mays or his mighty powers of persuasion. Viewers will continue to find the boisterous, bearded TV pitchman hawking household products for the indefinite future. And at least one of his commercials is being introduced posthumously.

"Just stretch, wrap and it fuses fast," says Mays, demonstrating a product called Mighty Tape on a kitchen drain pipe in the new commercial. Moments later, he's seen, still wearing his signature sport shirt and khaki slacks but accessorized with scuba gear, as he repairs a hole in another diver's air hose underwater using Mighty Tape.

The commercial will begin airing July 20. Mays' advertising for other products in the

Mighty brand line returned to the air earlier this week. The commercials were pulled after Mays' death June 28 of an apparent heart attack.

"Our feeling is, everyone wants to have Billy go on," said Bill McAlister, president of Media Enterprises, a sales and marketing company based in Treves, Penn. "This is what he would have wanted."

Besides Media Enterprises, the 50-year-old Mays had worked with several other companies as the yell-and-sell spokesman for products with rousing names like OxiClean, Awesome Auger, WashMatik and Orange Glo.

It's not yet certain which among Mays' product pitches will continue to be broadcast, and for how long, said his attorney, Roger Pliakas. "We're waiting to hear what the companies want to do," said Pliakis, who declined to specify the firms with which Mays was associated when he died.

"It's not a legal conversation but an informal conversation" with each company, Pliakas said. "We don't know all the specifics. We're just hoping it's all done in a tasteful manner."

On Thursday at 9 p.m. EDT, Discovery Channel will air a one-hour documentary, "Pitchman: A Tribute to Billy Mays." Mays had been featured in a 12-part series on the network called "Pitchmen."

## Arquette to sleep inside a NYC box for US hungry

**NEW YORK (AP)**—David Arquette is going to sleep in a box in New York City to raise money for the hungry.

The 37-year-old actor is staying in a Plexiglas box above the Madison Square Garden marquee

on Tuesday and Wednesday to raise \$250,000 for Feeding America—the nation's largest domestic hunger relief charity.



Arquette

Donations can come through text messages, on site and a Facebook page set up by Mars Inc., the company that makes Snickers candy bars.

A Mars spokesman says Arquette will eat during his two-day stay in the plastic enclosure.

Arquette starred in the "Scream" movie franchise.

## LA official: Promoter should pay Jackson memorial

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—A city council member on Thursday called on AEG Live to pay some of the estimated \$1.4 million cost for policing Michael Jackson's memorial service at the Staples Center.

Dennis Zine told Fox 11 that the city's taxpayers "are getting ripped off" because the owner-operator of the Staples Center profited by charging media up to \$50,000 to use risers outside

the venue.

AEG President Tim Leiweke had said Zine was out of line for asking AEG to pay for policing because it helped solicit donors for the Los Angeles Lakers' NBA victory parade last month.

Jackson's concert promoter, AEG Live, said that it paid for the memorial itself along with the Jackson estate, but did not mention the cost of crowd control.

The parade and memorial

both resulted in extraordinary costs to Los Angeles at a time when it is in debt for half of a billion dollars and facing employee layoffs.

The cost of city services for the Lakers' parade was about \$1 million. Donors covered about \$850,000 of that sum. The Lakers and AEG spent another \$1 million to produce the parade and rally at Memorial Coliseum.

## Mom is unsure when to tell daughter about aunt's suicide

**DEAR ABBY:** My little sister, "Cynda," committed suicide nine years ago. She was only 13. She did it because she was being severely bullied at school.



I am now a mother, and my 7-year-old daughter has been asking about Aunt Cynda and how she died. I have told her that Auntie Cynda had a bad hurt on her neck and passed away. Abby, my sister hung herself in her bedroom.

When is the right time or age to explain suicide to a child? This is a very sensitive subject in my family. I don't want my daughter talking to others about my sister's death, especially my mother. I would prefer to teach my little girl about the wonderful person Cynda was. Do you have any advice for me?

*Dear Abby*

HOLDING ONTO INNOCENCE

**DEAR HOLDING:** Yes. I sympathize with your desire to protect your daughter's innocence. But has it occurred to you that the reason she's asking about Cynda is because she has already heard something and didn't get the answers she needed?

Ask your daughter why she's asking about her aunt. Then give her bits of information in doses she can absorb. A suicide in the family can be a sensitive subject, but sooner or later the truth is going to come out. And it's important that your child know that if she has questions about ANYthing, she can come to her mother for honest answers.

**DEAR ABBY:** "Lila" is a lovely girl who works part-time in the administrative office of our university to help pay for her education. She has scoliosis, a curvature of the spine, which you would never guess by looking at her.

Lila's problem is she has an hour-long ride on the subway to get here, and after carrying a heavy backpack all day, standing becomes too painful. There have been times when she has given up her seat to an elderly person or a pregnant woman, but sometimes her back is so sore she simply cannot get off her seat.

What is the proper etiquette in this situation, and how should she deal with the glares she gets when she doesn't give up her seat?

CURIOUS IN ONTARIO

**DEAR CURIOUS:** Your friend does not owe anyone an explanation for remaining in her seat—and the less personal information she reveals about herself to strangers, the better. However, I do have a word of advice for her. Instead of lugging around a heavy backpack, which further stresses the muscles in her already stressed back, she should invest in a rolling bag to transport her books. It might help her to have less pain more often.

**DEAR ABBY:** I work with a guy I consider to be a close friend. He is friendly, outgoing and very personable. My concern is that he often tells lies—sometimes about big things, other times about small ones. I see a pattern, and it's really starting to annoy me.

He lies to his wife about "working late" to avoid going home early to help with the kids. He'll lie to me about innocuous things and to our boss about his accomplishments.

I believe lying is one of the worst things a person can do. Should I call him on it, or just start distancing myself from the friendship?

TIRED OF THE LIES

**DEAR TIRED:** The last thing you need is an enemy in the workplace. I see nothing to be gained by calling your co-worker on the fact that he isn't a straight shooter. Your mistake is in thinking this man is capable of real friendship. He may be "friendly, outgoing and personable," but he lacks the most important ingredient necessary in a friendship, and that's character. Distancing is the way to go.

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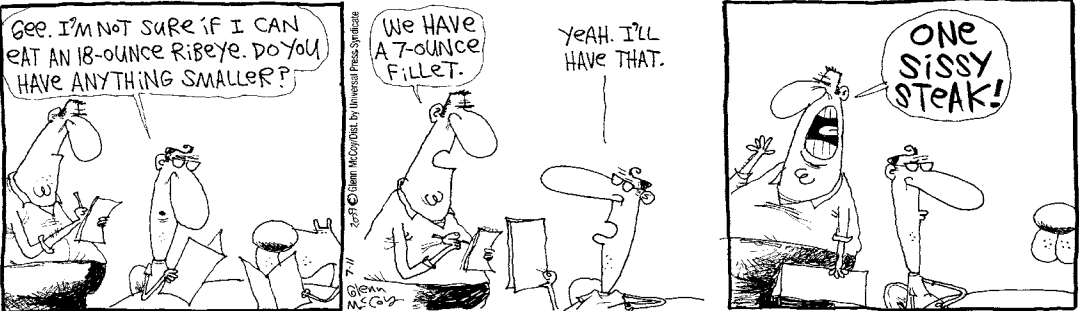
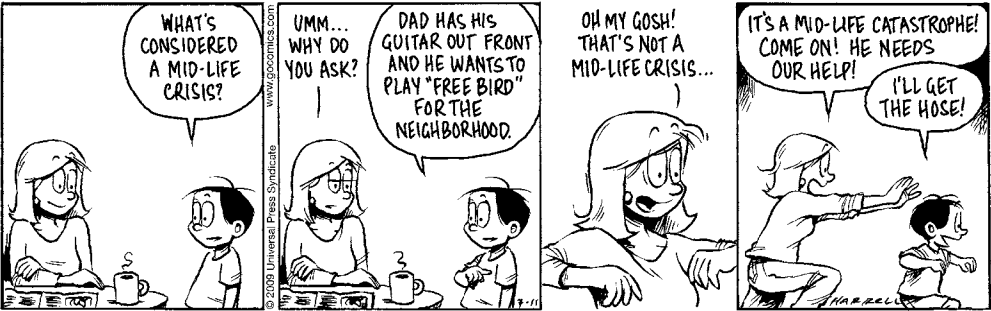
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6 Prepared to drive

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9 Count counter-part

10 Menagerie

11 Night light?

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15 Singer Campbell

16 Green acres

17 "Entry forbidden"

18 Plumbing woe

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20 Castle

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**35 Manicurist's board**

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**41 Castle**

**42 Box from which cards are dealt**

**Solution time: 27 mins.**

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Yesterday's answer 7-11

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Marie Serneholt, 26; Lil' Kim, 34; Lisa Rinna, 46; Suzanne Vega, 50

**Happy Birthday:** You'll have too many obstacles unless you listen to reason and accept the alternatives being offered. Don't fear taking on responsibilities that allow you to prove your worth and show your talents. This is not the year to be shy when there is so much to do and so much to lose. Your numbers are 3, 12, 16, 24, 31, 35, 46

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You may feel like skirting issues that are demanding and necessary to your personal life but, if you do, you will face the wrath of someone who is counting on your support. Take care of pressing matters before taking off. \*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Following through may not be easy if you are enticed by someone who is making you promises hard to resist. Don't give in to hearsay or innuendoes. Take care of personal matters that need attention first. \*\*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You may find it difficult to tell the truth if someone's feelings are in jeopardy. Take the time to do things properly and you will have fewer regrets. You can avoid awkward situations if you give everyone a chance to make a suggestion. \*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** It's time to present what you have accomplished and to take credit for your hard work. A celebration is in order, so gather up the people you respect, admire and care for and share your good fortune and success. \*\*\*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Don't count on anything staying the same and you won't be disappointed. An offer or suggestion will crystallize what someone else can give you in return for your contributions. A partnership will provide a wider range of options. \*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** An emotional encounter may leave you in despair but, if you allow your discomfort to show, you will give the bully the upper hand. Keep your opinion a secret and you can come to grips with what you must do in order to win. \*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Your spirit and charisma will make someone you are close to jealous but you cannot stop what you want to do or explore. It's your turn to develop and excel even if it means leaving someone on the sidelines or behind. \*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You've let something go for too long so play catch-up now or all will be lost. Don't let someone's constant bickering cause you to fall short of your goals. You must put your projects first before it's too late. \*\*\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You may feel that you are offering a lot but the recipient will not see things the same way you do. Don't let emotions escalate or you will never come to a resolution. A change regarding your current living arrangements is apparent. \*\*

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You are heading into prosperous times. A partnership or proposition will make you

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rethink your strategy and your future. You have a difficult decision to make. Don't fear ridicule; do what's best for you. \*\*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You will be able to keep everyone guessing with your cool and changing attitude. Don't give in to anyone trying to use force or coercive tactics to get you to conform. Being adaptable will give you an edge. \*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Take care of business early so you don't have anything hanging over your head later in the day. A meeting with someone you would like to work with or get to know better will lead to an opportunity for monetary gain. \*\*\*

**Birthday Baby:** You are engaging and gravitate to the unusual. You are studious and inquisitive, insightful and thoughtful.

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle: — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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# Armstrong is just off lead as the Pyrenees loom



**BARCELONA, Spain (AP)**—A split second

off the lead with the mighty Pyrenees looming, Lance Armstrong now gets to see what his rivals can throw at him.

After mostly flat, wind-swept stages along the Mediterranean rim this week, the Tour de France enters mountainous terrain that has long belonged to climbers.

Armstrong remained just a fraction behind overall leader Fabian Cancellara of Switzerland on Thursday after a treacherous, rain-soaked ride filled with crashes. Thor Hushovd of Norway led a mass sprint finish to capture the 113-mile sixth stage from Girona to Barcelona.

The field faces a 139-mile haul from Barcelona to Andorra on Friday with a grueling uphill finish—the first and hardest of three days in the Pyrenees.

“Tomorrow is an important day,” Armstrong said. “I don’t know if it’s the most important day, but it’s definitely a big appointment on this Tour.”

The seven-time champion said he was happy to emerge unscathed from Thursday’s “nervous” ride. Two spills



AP

American seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong arrives to sign the start list ahead of the sixth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 181.5 kilometers (112.7 miles) with start in Girona and finish in Barcelona, Spain, Thursday July 9, 2009.

marred the last six miles—one involving Yukiya Arashiro of Japan, another involving former

world champion Tom Boonen of Belgium, one of Hushovd’s sprinting rivals.

## Coach, teammates remember slain ex-NFL QB McNair

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)**—Steve McNair’s pastor and close friend cautioned against judging the ex-NFL quarterback Thursday, reminding people who gathered for his memorial not to cast the first stone when talking about his life off the field.

McNair, who was married, was shot to death at his condo early Saturday by his 20-year-old girlfriend, Sahel Kazemi, who then turned the gun on herself.

“Drop your stone the next time you write about Steve McNair. Drop your stone the next time you text somebody. Drop your stone the next time you twitter. Drop your stone, those of you in the barbershops, the beauty shops. Those of you walking the streets on the corner, drop your stone,” Bishop Joseph W. Walker III told thousands of people, among them family members, fans and more than 50 former teammates, gathered at Mount Zion Baptist Church.

“What I do know about this man was that he loved God though he was just like us: imperfect,” Walker said. “But he knew God.”

Among those in the audience was McNair’s wife, Mechelle, who later left wearing sunglasses. Walker called her an amazing woman.

“You have inspired us all to endure hardship as a good soldier,” he said.

It was her first public appearance since her husband died, and press photographers were asked not to take pictures of her

or other family members.

Fans had lined up starting Thursday morning to view McNair’s closed silvery-gray casket at a funeral home and later outside the church. A helicopter provided live TV footage as McNair’s body was moved by hearse, and three of four local TV stations showed the memorial service live.

McNair’s casket was on display at Mount Zion Baptist Church, where he had attended services since moving to Nashville in 1997. It was flanked by a large photo of him posing with his 2003 NFL MVP award on the right and another of him holding a football on the left.

The program included a statement from the McNair family.

“Today in our loss, our hurt, and our pain we recognize our gains in you our friends and loved ones... They have all been a source of strength and comfort at this time to our family,” it read.

Titans owner Bud Adams, Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen, Nashville Mayor Karl Dean all attended.

Among those speaking was Titans coach Jeff Fisher, who recalled a hit McNair took to his chest in September 2000 that had the NFL quarterback ready to quit the game. He was in so much pain that he spent a bye weekend with the team’s former chaplain in Houston.

Then McNair, who struggled to breathe, watched his back-

up knocked out of the Titans’ next game. Fisher said McNair looked at him, winked, tossed two passes and then drove them down the field to a game-winning touchdown. Fisher said he caught up to McNair walking off the field that day in Pittsburgh and started to talk when the quarterback interrupted and pointed to the sky.



“No more turf toe, no more sacks. No more shoulder problems, and no more interceptions, only touchdown passes. I’m going to miss you No. 9,” Fisher said.

Eddie George, who helped McNair take the Titans to their lone Super Bowl in 2000, was among the pallbearers, along with four of the quarterback’s former offensive linemen who escorted his casket out as the service ended. George read a poem describing McNair as a warrior during the service.

“You fought a good battle. Your life has just begun,” George read.

Jean Ryan got in line nearly two hours before doors opened at Mount Zion to say goodbye to the man she had followed since the NFL team moved to town in 1997.

“I love him, and he was a beautiful man and I will remember not the circumstances of his death but the great things he did for the Titans and the community,” she said, wearing a Titans’ pin and crying at what she called the “utter sadness.”

Cancellara, a time trial specialist, acknowledges he’s not the best climber and his six-day run in the front may soon end.

“What do I have to do tomorrow? It’s a good question,” he said. “It’s been a beautiful week to be in this yellow jersey. ... I’m going to try to defend it but I don’t know how well I can do.”

Carlos Sastre, the 2008 Tour champion and one of the world’s top climbers, clearly is on the radar screen of both Armstrong and Astana teammate and rival Alberto Contador. The 37-year-old Texan says the burden falls on riders like Sastre.

“I think the others will attack,” Armstrong said. “We are in a position where we can wait and watch the others.”

His Astana team is rich with talent, holding four of the top five spots behind Cancellara. Contador, the 2007 Tour champion and a world-class climber, is a close third, 19 seconds off the lead.

During his long championship reign on the Tour, Armstrong always made his mark by the first big mountains—methodically gaining on competitors while keeping an eye over his rear wheel.

Armstrong says the riders to watch are Andy Schleck, who is 1 minute, 41 seconds back; his brother and Saxo Bank teammate Frank Schleck, 2:17 behind; and Cervelo’s Sastre, trailing by 2:44.

“I expect Carlos to make some accelerations,” Armstrong said.

Such comments are surely part of a psychological game. The wild card is that Armstrong will also have to watch Contador, who was considered the favorite before the Tour began.

“I know Alberto wants to assert himself in the race. I don’t need a team meeting to know that,” Armstrong said.

“If he goes and nobody can hang with him, I’ll just stay with the other leaders,” he

added. “But I’ll show up tomorrow morning, try to do my best, get to the top as quick as I can, and we’ll see.”

The mountains figure to play a bigger role in this Tour. Friday’s jaunt features the Serra Seca pass and a finish into Arcalis in Andorra that’s so tough it’s beyond classification in cycling’s ranking system.

The granddaddy stage comes the day before the July 26 finale in Paris, with an uphill finish on Mont Ventoux, one of cycling’s most legendary climbs.

So far in his comeback year after 3 1/2 years in retirement, Armstrong has proved he can hold his own in time trials, like the one on opening day in Monaco, and gain time in the flats. The biggest question is whether he still has the legs to climb.

“I feel good, I feel strong, recovering well, relaxed,” he said. “It’s been a while since I’ve ridden at the front of a big mountain stage, but I’ll be ready.”

## Marion to Mavs, Stackhouse to Griz in complex deal

**DALLAS (AP)**—The way Jerry Stackhouse’s contract was structured, the Dallas Mavericks knew they could parlay him into a key player for next season. As it turned out, a lot of teams benefited.

The Mavericks, Raptors, Grizzlies and Magic combined in a massive swap Thursday that included eight players, a draft pick and stacks of cash. The deal sent Shawn Marion to Dallas, Stackhouse to Memphis and helped seal the transaction that moved Hedo Turkoglu from Orlando to Toronto.

Among the other pieces: Forward Kris Humphries, center Nathan Jawai and cash went from Toronto to Dallas; guard Greg Buckner moves from Memphis to Dallas; and swingmen Antoine Wright and Devean George go from Dallas to Toronto.

Memphis also received a second-round pick and cash from Toronto and cash from Dallas. The Mavericks and Raptors both also sent cash to Orlando.

The Magic were going to lose Turkoglu anyway. After Orlando acquired Vince Carter, Turkoglu opted out of his contract and became a free agent. He’d already decided to go to Toronto, but turning his departure into a sign-and-trade glued together the rest of this complex puzzle.

“So many things were going on that I was like, ‘Just sit back and wait until it happens,’” Marion said. “I’m just happy to come to Dallas.”

The Mavs are no strangers to convoluted, multi-team deals, but this one was still taxing. Team owner Mark Cuban posted on his Twitter feed late Wednesday: “It’s been a long

day of looking at spreadsheets, reading NBA cap rules and rubbing my eyes.”

It was worth the effort: Dallas gets Marion, a four-time All-Star nicknamed “The Matrix” for his do-it-all game, in hopes that he’ll be a great complement to a starting lineup featuring Dirk Nowitzki, Jason Kidd and Josh Howard.

Although Howard and Marion have similar skills, Marion said, “I think we can mesh fine. I’m a basketball player.

I’ve played a little bit of every (position) before.”

Marion is especially looking forward to playing with Kidd, having done so at the start of his career in Phoenix. The two already had spoken twice as of Thursday afternoon. Marion said he’s also talked to sixth man Jason Terry, a friend since college.

“With J-Kidd running the show, he’s definitely going to be spreading the wealth,” Marion said.

Marion was a matchup nightmare during his heyday with the Suns—too big for Howard, too quick for Nowitzki. For his career, he’s averaged 17.8 points, 9.9 rebounds, 2.0 assists, 1.83 steals and 1.31 blocks per game.

Yet Marion is also 31 and headed to his fourth team since February 2008, having bounced from Phoenix to Miami to Toronto. He’s also coming off a season in which he had his fewest points, rebounds, blocks and steals since his rookie season.

But this change is different. He’s arriving at the start of the season and on a team with legitimate hopes for a deep playoff run. He also has the security of a new contract, which

means he doesn’t have to think about whether he might be traded again.

“At the end of the day, everybody wants security,” Marion said. “If you can get security and get a great home at the same time, why not?”

Stackhouse was enticing for his numbers—contract numbers, that is.

Although Stackhouse is due more than \$7 million next season, he can be bought out for only \$2 million. That’s likely the amount of cash Memphis received for the 34-year-old swingman. The former scoring star played only 10 games last season because of injuries, but will soon be able to cut a deal with any team.

Buckner, who has played in Dallas twice before, has a similar contract. So he’s likely to be dealt again or bought out.

Humphries’ best season was 2007-08, when he averaged 5.7 points and 3.7 rebounds. Last season, he was down to 3.9 points and 2.4 rebounds before breaking his right leg in January. The 6-foot-10, 280-pound Jawai is an Australian who played just six games last season as a rookie.

The Mavs also are close to re-signing Kidd (awaiting paperwork) and likely adding 25-year-old center Marcin Gortat (more paperwork, including an offer sheet that Orlando is not expected to match). They also want to keep their own free agents, Brandon Bass and James Singleton.

All told, Marion believes Dallas will keep pace with the Lakers, Spurs and the rest of the tough Western Conference.

“With our talent and depth, why not?” he said. “It’s the ultimate goal. You’ve got to have that in your aspirations.”



# Carroll's 3-run homer sparks Marlins comeback win



PHOENIX (AP)—Pinch-

hitter Brett Carroll's three-run homer sparked a franchise-record 10-run eighth inning, helping Florida come back from a seven-run deficit to beat Arizona 14-7 on Thursday night.

Florida matched the team record for the biggest comeback victory and Arizona set a club record for the largest blown lead.

Florida trailed 7-0 after five innings but rallied with three runs in the sixth and one in the seventh. Then the Marlins hit Arizona with the 10-spot in the eighth to make a winner of Kiko Calero (2-0).

The Marlins sent 14 batters to the plate in the eighth against three relievers—Juan Gutierrez, Scott Schoeneweis (1-1) and Blaine Boyer.

## Phillies 9, Reds 6

At Philadelphia, Jayson Werth homered for the fourth straight game and Chase Utley hit an inside-the-park homer in the Phillies' win.

Jamie Moyer (8-6) allowed six runs and eight hits in five innings, but Philadelphia's offense bailed him out again. The Phillies have averaged 8.1 runs in Moyer's wins.

Werth went deep in the sixth for his seventh homer in 12 games. The Phillies became the second team in major league history to have four players hit 20 homers before the All-Star break. Raul Ibanez leads the team with 22, Ryan Howard has 21 and Utley and Werth have 20. The Toronto Blue Jays did it in 2000.

## Dodgers 11, Mets 2

At New York, Manny Ramirez hit two RBI singles to key an early outburst against struggling starter Livan Hernandez, and Los Angeles' Randy Wolf earned his first win in eight outings.

Orlando Hudson hit a three-run double that capped a four-run first inning. Rafael Furcal had three hits for the Dodgers, who boosted baseball's best record to 54-31.

## Nationals 11, Astros 10, 11 innings, completion of suspended game

At Houston, an error by Astros second baseman Miguel Tejada in the 11th inning made former Nationals reliever Joel Hanrahan a winner in the completion of a suspended game.

Hanrahan was traded by the Nationals on June 30 to Pittsburgh as part of a deal for Nyjer Morgan, who scored the winning run Thursday. Hanrahan was pitching for the Nationals when the game was suspended by rain in Washington on May 5. He earned his first win of the season and is 1-3 overall. He would have been 1-1 if he won on May 5.

## Astros 9, Nationals 4

At Houston, Lance Berkman's three-run homer was one of Houston's 16 hits.

Hunter Pence and Jeff Keppinger drove in two runs each for the Astros, who used a four-run sixth inning to overcome a two-run deficit and take the lead.

Keppinger's triple tied it at 4 and chased Nationals starter John Lannan (6-6), who was replaced by Jason Bergmann. After one out, Michael Bourn gave Houston the lead with his run-scoring triple and Miguel Tejada added an RBI single.

## Rockies 7, Braves 6

At Denver, pinch-hitter Garrett Atkins hit a two-out, two-run double in the eighth inning to lift Colorado to its fourth consecutive victory.

Ian Stewart started the rally by drawing a one-out walk, and Mike Gonzalez (3-2) hit Chris Iannetta with a pitch. After an out, Atkins, batting for reliever Juan Rincon (1-0), lashed a double down the left field line to snap the third tie of the game.

## Cardinals 5, Brewers 1

At Milwaukee, Joel Pineiro scattered three hits in his third complete game this year and Ryan Ludwick hit a three-run homer in St. Louis' five-run eighth inning.

Pineiro (7-9) benefited from



Florida Marlins' Brett Carroll, right, is congratulated by John Baker, after hitting a three-run pinch-hit home run in the eighth inning against the Arizona Diamondbacks' in the first inning during a baseball game on Thursday, July 9, 2009, in Phoenix.

## Pedro says agent negotiating with Phils

**SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic** (AP)—Pedro Martinez says his agent is negotiating with the Philadelphia Phillies, trying to get the pitcher back into the major leagues.

Martinez said the Phillies have been scouting him in his native Dominican Republic.

"The Phillies saw me this past Tuesday in a simulated game and I felt very good with my fastball and all my pitches," Martinez said Thursday.

Phillies general manager Ruben Amaro Jr. denied reports a deal was done, but confirmed the team's interest in the three-time AL Cy Young Award winner.

"He has not been signed," Amaro said before the NL East-leading Phillies played Cincinnati on Thursday night. "We've seen him pitch. He's not in town."

The 37-year-old Martinez is reported to have worked three innings in a simulated game against a Phillies summer league team, with his fastball clocked at up to 93 mph.

"I feel the best I have for some time," Martinez said.

The eight-time All-Star said it was up to his agent and the defending World Series champion Phillies to wrap up contract details.

Martinez went 5-6 with a 5.61 ERA for the New York

Mets last year. The free agent pitched in the World Baseball Classic before this season started.

The Phillies have been hurt by injuries to their starting rotation. No. 2 starter Brett Myers had hip surgery in June and his replacement, Antonio Bastardo, landed on the disabled list after making five starts. Philadelphia already has used nine starters through 82 games. The Phillies used only seven starters last season.

Martinez is 214-99 with a 2.91 ERA in 17 seasons with the Los Angeles Dodgers, Montreal, Boston and the Mets. He helped the Red Sox win the World Series in 2004.

three double plays and faced just one batter over the minimum. He struck out five and walked none while throwing 100 pitches.

St. Louis won two of three against Milwaukee to increase its lead in the NL Central to two heading into a four-game, three-day series against the Chicago

Cubs starting Friday.

## Royals 8, Red Sox 6

At Bostob, David DeJesus hit a go-ahead two-run homer in the sixth inning as Kansas City rallied from an early four-run deficit to knock Boston out of sole possession of first place in the AL East with a victory.

David Ortiz hit his 300th career homer for Boston, which fell to 3-4 on its 10-game home-stand. The loss, coupled with New York's 6-4 victory over Minnesota, has the teams tied.

Luke Hochevar (5-3) won for the fifth time in seven starts, despite allowing nine hits and five runs in six innings. Joakim

Soria recorded four outs for his 14th save.

## Mariners 3, Rangers 1

At Seattle, Franklin Gutierrez hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning for the Mariners.

Ichiro Suzuki, who had three hits to raise his major league-leading average to .361, opened the eighth with a single off C.J. Wilson (4-4). After two outs, Ken Griffey Jr. walked and Gutierrez homered to center field.

Felix Hernandez (9-3), heading to his first All-Star game, went eight innings, allowing one run and three hits, striking out seven and walking two.

## Rays 3, Blue Jays 2

At St. Petersburg, rookie David Price outpitched Roy Halladay, and Carlos Pena snapped a fifth-inning tie with a two-run double that helped Tampa Bay to a three-game sweep.

Price (3-3) allowed one run and six hits in six innings as the AL champions beat Halladay for the second time in 11 days. The Blue Jays have lost 10 of 12 and fallen below .500 for the first time this season.

## Yankees 6, Twins 4

At Minneapolis, Mark Teixeira ended a 23-game homerless drought and New York completed a season sweep of the Twins.

Teixeira connected on the first pitch of the fifth inning. It was his 21st homer of the season and first in 96 at-bats, dating to June 12 against the Mets.

Mariano Rivera picked up his 23rd save for the Yankees, who have won eight straight on the road and beat the Twins all seven times they met this season.

## Indians 10, White Sox 8

At Chicago, Kelly Shoppach hit a grand slam and had a career-high five RBIs, while five Cleveland relievers combined for 4 2-3 scoreless innings to preserve the early lead.

Tony Sipp (1-0), who retired the only two batters he faced, earned his first major league win. Kerry Wood got four outs for his 11th save.

**SILVIS, Ill.** (AP)—Lee Janzen stirred some memories and was tied with Darron Stiles for the lead after firing a 7-under 64 in the first round of the John Deere Classic on Thursday.

Janzen has not won on the PGA Tour since he captured his second U.S. Open in 1998, yet he's in position after an impressive start at TPC Deere Run.

The 44-year-old was at 8 under after birdies on the 16th and 17th holes and played bogey-free golf until the 18th, when he hit a bunker and missed an 8-foot par putt. He was off the course by the time Stiles sunk a seven-foot putt for birdie on the same hole to forge the tie.

## Janzen, Stiles share first-round lead at Deere

J.J. Henry, Matt Bettencourt and Dean Wilson were all one stroke off the lead at 65.

Last year's winner Kenny Perry, who's second on the money list, opened with a 68, while U.S. Open champion Lucas Glover and Zach Johnson shot 69. It was not a good day for David Duval, who finished with a 75 and was in danger of missing the cut after a surprising three-way tie for second at the U.S. Open last month.

This time, Janzen was the veteran turning heads.

"It'd be exciting; I would love

to win," Janzen said. "If it doesn't happen this week, I still think that I'm capable of winning, and it won't stop me from continuing to work on my game to get better."

An eight-time winner on the PGA Tour, Janzen has just two top-10 finishes the past three years. He's spent much of that time trying to repair his swing with Mike Bender after leaving Butch Harmon, but the results have been slow coming.

One good sign for Janzen



came in April at the Verizon Heritage in Hilton Head Island, when he opened with a 6-under 65 and finished in a tie for fourth. He got another boost on Thursday, when he made a late push to grab the lead.

He was at 4 under through 12 when he birdied four of the next five holes. His seven foot birdie putt on par-5 17 put him at 8 under before his mishaps on the final hole. That created an opportunity for Stiles, who two-putted

from three feet for a bogey on the 17th but made up for it on the final hole.

Otherwise, it was a good day for Janzen, who also cautioned: "It's only Thursday."

So he'll wait before he declares himself back.

"It's like starting over in some ways," Janzen said.

Duval would probably like to call a do-over after this round.

Winless since the 2001 British Open, he simply was sluggish in his first start since that eye-opening performance at Bethpage Black.

"I don't equate it to how I did at the U.S. Open," he said. "That has no relevance, no bearing on what I'm doing here. I just didn't play that well."

The world's No. 1 player before a long decline, he was even after sinking a 9-foot birdie putt on the par-4 eighth hole, but four straight bogeys quickly brought his momentum to a halt.

"I just wasn't as sharp mentally today," said Duval, who was also tired and concerned he was coming down with something. "Why? I don't know. I just wasn't. I didn't think as clearly as I would like to. I made a couple of bad decisions that cost me."



**TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES**

**MLB STANDINGS**

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	51	34	.600	—
New York	51	34	.600	—
Tampa Bay	47	39	.547	4 1/2
Toronto	43	44	.494	9
Baltimore	38	47	.447	13
Central Division				
Detroit	46	38	.548	—
Chicago	44	41	.518	2 1/2
Minnesota	43	43	.500	4
Kansas City	37	48	.435	9 1/2
Cleveland	34	52	.395	13
West Division				
Texas	47	37	.560	—
Los Angeles	46	37	.554	—
Seattle	44	41	.518	3 1/2
Oakland	35	48	.422	11 1/2
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
Philadelphia	45	38	.542	—
Florida	45	42	.517	2
Atlanta	41	44	.482	5
New York	40	44	.476	5 1/2
Washington	25	59	.298	20 1/2
Central Division				
St. Louis	47	40	.540	—
Milwaukee	44	41	.518	2
Chicago	41	41	.500	3 1/2
Houston	42	43	.494	4
Cincinnati	41	43	.488	4 1/2
Pittsburgh	38	47	.447	8
West Division				
Los Angeles	54	31	.635	—
San Francisco	47	38	.553	7
Colorado	46	39	.541	8
Arizona	36	50	.419	18 1/2
San Diego	35	50	.412	19

Yesterday's Games	
St. Louis 5, Milwaukee 1	
Philadelphia 9, Cincinnati 6	
L.A. Dodgers 11, N.Y. Mets 2	
Washington 11, Houston 10, 11 innings	
Houston 9, Washington 4	
Colorado 7, Atlanta 6	
Florida 14, Arizona 7	
San Francisco 9, San Diego 3	
Tampa Bay 3, Toronto 2	
N.Y. Yankees 6, Minnesota 4	
Cleveland 10, Chicago White Sox 8	
Kansas City 8, Boston 6	
Seattle 3, Texas 1	

**JOHN DEERE CLASSIC SCORES**

**SILVIS, Illinois (AP)**—Scores Thursday from the John Deere Classic, a \$4.3 million US PGA Tour event at 7,268-yard, par-71 TPC Deere Run:

FIRST ROUND	
Lee Janzen	32-32=64
Darron Stiles	32-32=64
J.J. Henry	31-34=65
Matt Bettencourt	33-32=65
Dean Wilson	31-34=65
Dicky Pride	33-33=66
Jason Day	32-34=66
Tim Petrovic	34-32=66
Matthew Borchert	34-32=66
Greg Owen	33-34=67
Kirk Triplett	34-33=67
Daniel Chopra	34-33=67
Jason Bohn	33-34=67
Brian Davis	33-34=67
Peter Lonard	32-35=67
Cliff Kresge	34-33=67
J.L. Lewis	32-35=67
Mathias Gronberg	33-34=67
George McNeill	32-35=67
Richard S. Johnson	34-33=67
Brandt Snedeker	34-33=67
Spencer Levin	37-30=67
Chris Stroud	33-34=67
Scott McCarron	33-35=68
Aaron Baddeley	36-32=68
Todd Hamilton	34-34=68
Andrew Ruthkoski	33-35=68
Jeff Klauk	35-33=68
Webb Simpson	34-34=68
Briny Baird	34-34=68
Marc Leishman	32-36=68
Ted Purdy	34-34=68
Kenny Perry	34-34=68
Chad Campbell	31-37=68
Mark Calcavecchia	33-35=68
Patrick Sheehan	35-33=68
Robert Garrigus	33-35=68
Bob Tway	33-35=68
Jeff Quinney	33-35=68
David Berganio, Jr.	36-32=68
Matt Jones	32-36=68
Heath Slocum	32-37=69

By The Associated Press

**STRONGER**

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the 17-day tournament that will run from July 17 to Aug. 2. The Foro Italico will be the heart of the 13th FINA World

Championships for swimming, diving, synchronized swimming, and water polo. Four permanent pools and two temporary pools will be the set for the competitions, while the open water events will take place at Ostia.

**NMIFA to hold summer cap for kids**



Northern Mariana Islands Football Association will be holding the 2009 NMIFA Football Summer Camp for Kids from July 20 to 24 at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

The camp is open only to kids in the 10-and-under age group and will have a registration fee of \$15. All participants will receive a shirt and a pair of shin guards.

CNMI coach and NMIFA technical director Sugao Kambe will lead the five-day clinic, which aims to teach kids the basic techniques and skills of the sport in a fun-filled setting.

Sessions in the clinic are divided into three age groups. Participants in the U6 will have their session from 8:30am to 10am, while the 10:30am to 12pm session is for U8 kids. The afternoon session from 3pm to 4:30pm is for U10 participants.

Interested participants are



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Matansa and Independents players in action during NMIFA's football festival last June at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

reminded to bring extra t-shirts, shorts, shoes, hat/cap, sun block, and water during the five-day clinic.

Through the clinic, NMIFA is hoping to encourage more kids to play football and join the association's next competition

**CNMI**

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The EAFF semifinals will run from Aug. 22 to 30 with four other countries joining the CNMI female strikers in the tournament, namely Guam, Hong Kong, South Korea, and host Chinese-Taipei.

CNMI coach and Northern Mariana Islands Football Association technical director Sugao Kambe said he has 24 players in the pool and 20 will be named to the CNMI Women's National Team on July 20.

Kambe added they will have a scrimmage against a JEF United Ichihara Chiba Lady's Team when they stay in Japan from Aug. 18 to 20.

The scrimmage against JEF

United Ichihara Chiba is part of the last eight weeks of rigorous training for the CNMI female strikers. The CNMI coach said they started preparing for the EAFF tournament third week of March this year and divided the training in three terms.

"The objective of the first term (March 23-May 28) was to enhance individually skills for technical and tactical parts. We also focused on coordination and agility skills," Kambe said.

"The second term (June 8-28) was functional (positional) training and basic endurance training. For example, defender focused on how to defend around penalty area. Attacker tried finishing any kinds of shooting. Endurance was about basic aerobic running," he added.

Kambe said the third term

(June 29-August 20) will be the most important, as its objectives are to teach and practice team tactics and conditioned the players for the tough grind ahead.

This will be the first time that the CNMI female strikers will be competing in an international tournament. In the past the CNMI only played friendly games against Guam.

"We are a new team and it will be our first time to join an international tournament. At this time, results are not important, the exposure in an international level of competition is," Kambe said.

"However, we must do our very best in every game. We are not so strong individually and technically, but we are very familiar with each other and can make tactical disci-

pline stronger. It will be very hard, but our players have a lot of heart. I hope they will never give up until the final whistle," Kambe said.

Kambe's wards are a mixed of high school and adult players who are regulars of the various local leagues. The team practices three times a day at the Commonwealth Ports Authority Field.

The CNMI female strikers' first game in Taiwan will be against Guam on Aug. 22. The last three will be against Hong Kong on Aug. 24, South Korea on Aug. 26, and Chinese Taipei on Aug. 28.

The winner of the nine-day tournament will join China, Japan, and North Korea in the championship round to be played in Tokyo, Japan next year.

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Meno, who is 2-0, will take on Team Zogai's Shane "Insane" Camacho in the 180-lb. division, while Apiag will square off against Predator Combat Team's Nate "The Terrible" Flores in the 155-lb. division.

Meno is undefeated in two matches, while Camacho is 2-1.

Apiag is also 2-0, while Flores has split his two matches.

The evening's kickboxing match will then feature Sonny Chargualaf of Team Countershot against Maitai "The Charger" Charley of Marianas Elite.

The above mentioned undercards will supplement the five other scheduled matches, which will be highlighted by the main event between Saipan's Kevin "The Big Hit" Fitial of Marianas Elite and

Guam's Manny "The Enforcer" Chong of THUGCOP.

The other scheduled fights are the following:

- Team Lockdown's Eric "The Terror" Tedtaotao vs. Marianas Elite's Myron "The Natural" San Nicolas in the 240-lb. super heavyweight division;
- XXXTREME's "Kill" Bill Saures vs. Da Crew 671's Mike "Ogre" Davis in the big brawl;
- Spike 22/Ground Fu's

Tony "Rush" Reyes vs. Tanapag Beach Badd Boiz/Team Zogai's Ryan Gardee in the 140-lb. division;

■ Spike 22/Ground Fu's Jun "Shockeraba" San Nicolas vs. Marianas Elite's Martin Ayuyu in the 130-lb. division;

Tickets for Trench Warz X: Collision will go on sale soon. General admission costs \$25 and VIP is \$35. Trench Tech said doors will open at 7pm with the fights starting at 8pm.

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He added that the open tournament is played every two years with the host country, Australia and New Zealand, and five Pacific Island countries participating.

Whoever wins the bid, he said, will be responsible in running the tournament, which will run for one week from Saturday to Sunday and includes one rest day—usually on a Wednesday. The FIBA Oceania yearly congress will be held during the rest

day of competition. The Congress will bring to the host country the FIBA Secretary General (IOC member Patrick Baumann) and/or the FIBA president.

The host will also be responsible for providing accommodation, meals, and ground transport for visiting teams.

Participating teams, meanwhile, will consist of a maximum of 10 players, one coach, one assistant coach who also doubles as the team manager, one referee and if the federation fields a men's and women's team also a head of delegation. In addition to the tournament

proper, the FIBA Sports Director from Geneva will also conduct an International Referee's Clinic during the senior tournament to license suitably qualified officials as FIBA International Referees.

An All-Star team of five players will also be selected from the participating nations.

FIBA Oceania is also set to provide a cash subsidy of \$30,000 AUD to assist the host with costs of staging the event.

Smith also said that FIBA Oceania staff will support the running of the event in the coaching, refereeing, score-

bench and stats, and event administration area.

"If your federation thinks it might be interested in bidding to host the 2013 edition of the senior tournament please let us know so that we can send you more information. The FIBA Oceania Board are seeking to name the 2013 host by June 2011 so that the location of the next edition can be announced at the closing ceremony of the Pacific Games in New Caledonia in 2011.

The FIBA Oceania contact for senior tournament matters is Special Events coordinator Judy Smith [judy@fibaoceania.com](mailto:judy@fibaoceania.com).





## Armstrong is just off lead as the Pyrenees loom

A split second off the lead with the mighty Pyrenees looming, Lance Armstrong now gets to see what his rivals can throw at him. **25**

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## Carroll's 3-run homer sparks Marlins comeback win

Pinch-hitter Brett Carroll's three-run homer sparked a franchise-record 10-run eighth inning, helping Florida come back from a seven-run deficit to beat Arizona 14-7 on Thursday night. **26**



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# Stronger, faster Cooper in Rome

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## Second of a four-part series

Cooper Graf is heading to Rome, Italy for his second World Championships appearance and he vowed to surpass his previous performance.

"I am definitely a much different person than I was the first time around. I have grown, both mentally and physically. I believe that I am much more prepared for this meet, in terms of both focus and training," Graf said.

Graf first competed in the World Championships in 2007 in Melbourne, Australia. He was with then Saipan Swim Club coach Michael Stewart, Rezne Wong, and Sarah Johnson.

This year, Graf and Wong are returning to the World Championships, joining first timers Kai Staal and Shin Kimura.

"At my last World Championships I participated in every single freestyle event, the 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, and 1,500m. I dropped times in every event, even if it was just by a couple milliseconds," the 18-year-old Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan bet said. "I thought that I had it bad with that lineup, but I never had more than one event per day. Rezne on the other hand, didn't have the same



luck. I think he had two events on the same day like twice."

"I definitely think that there is more pressure this time around. I am older and have a lot more expected of me," Graf added.

Though he is feeling the pressure, Graf believes he is ready to face the challenge and deliver new personal best times.

"I know I am going to do very well at this meet. One of the most important things that coach Mike [Stewart] taught me

was to have faith in your training. If you have faith in your training, nothing can stop you. Coach Hiro [Kimura] has put us through some of the most rigorous and unrelenting training in preparation for this meet. I thank him for his devotion to us and to making us better, faster, and stronger swimmers, both mentally and physically," said Graf, who is entered in the 50m butterfly and 100m, 800m, and 50m freestyle, and three team relay events.

Cooper Graf prepares to step onto the starting block during one of the tournaments at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool early this year. Inset, Graf waits for his turn to plunge into the pool during the 2007 FINA World Championships in Melbourne, Australia.

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Two years had already past since his first World Championships appearance, but Graf still has flashes of memories from that debut.

"My first World Champs was definitely one of the most exhilarating and frightening experiences of my life. The pool was built on top of the Rod Laver Arena tennis court, where they hold the Australian Open, which has almost 15,000 seats," Graf said.

"I specifically remember when the four of us [Rez, Sarah, coach Mike, and I] were walking up onto the pool deck from one of the underground

access tunnels. Our first glimpse of the venue was breathtaking. The cameras, the blinding lights, and the sheer number of people in the stands overwhelmed all of us. The looks on our faces were priceless," he added.

This time in Rome, Graf will be facing a bigger crowd with 2,800 athletes from 200 nations, 2,000 volunteers, 1,500 journalists and several thousands spectators expected to take part in relay events.

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Adelbai

## More fights for 'Collision' confirmed

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Two more undercard bouts, a kickboxing match, and a couple of replacement fighters have been added in Trench Warz X: Collision set for July 31 at the Saipan World Resort.

Saipan Chris "No Luv" Laayug will duke it out against Guam's Jon "The Heat" Delos Reyes in the 140-lb division.

Laayug will be fighting out of Trench Tech Gym and sports a 4-win, 1-loss



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slate. Delos Reyes of Team Countershot, meanwhile, won his only fight so far inside the ring.

Laayug's stablemate Slade "The Rage" Adelbai will also see action in Collision where the 190-lb. Trench Tech fighter will be pitted against Guam's Toby "Big Tobz" Mesa.

Adelbai comes into the fight with a 7-3-1 win-loss-draw record, while the 205-lb. Mesa, of Team Psycho MMA, has a 6-6 win-loss card.

Two Guam-based fighters, meanwhile, have been stricken from the fight card in lieu of Team Subdue stablemates "Infamous" Ray Apiag and Gilbert "Guamanian" Meno.

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## FIBA Oceania needs host of senior tourney

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Fresh from Saipan's successful hosting of the FIBA Oceania Basketball Tournament, FIBA Oceania is now setting its sights for the next senior competition among the region's men's and women's basketball teams.

FIBA Oceania secretary general Steve Smith said competition in the senior tournament will be open to eight men's teams and the same number for the women's side.

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## CNMI female strikers prep up for EAFF semifinals

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The CNMI Women's National

Team will be playing two exhibition games in Japan in preparation for their participation in the East Asian Football Federation Women's Football Championship 2010 Semifinals Competition in Tainan City, Taiwan.

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Youth player Marya Oestreich, who played as goalie in one of their training sessions this year, kicks the ball, while Patty Coleman looks on. The CNMI female strikers are preparing for the East Asian Football Federation Women's Football Championship 2010 Semifinals Competition in Tainan City, Taiwan next month.

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